

Correctional Ministry Matters: Speakers and Presenters

Joseph Williams, CMCA Executive Director | Opening Session Speaker and Workshop

Presenter: *Reentry*



Leading social entrepreneur Joseph Williams is on a mission to restore the lives of those affected by crime. His passion for helping the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated and their families reach their God-given potential is born from his own personal battles. In his gripping memoir, *Sheep in Wolves' Clothing: When the Actions of a Christian Turn Criminal*, Joseph simultaneously recounts his own personal triumph over drugs, crime and prison and becomes a conduit of freedom for others.

As Founder and CEO of New Creations Community Outreach (*formerly Transition of Prisoners*), he developed and implemented a number of innovative approaches that have helped others to experience total restoration. As a result of the innovation and success of the TOP program, Joseph was recognized as an outstanding social entrepreneur in 2006 by Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, a global organization that promotes unique ways of addressing pressing social problems. As Founder and President of the Christian Association for Prison Aftercare (CAPA) he used his vast experience and knowledge to inspire and teach numerous organizational leaders and criminal justice professionals around the world. Joseph also serves on the national advisory board for the Billy Graham Center's Institute for Prison Ministry and is Executive Director of CMCA.

Steve Lowe, Founder and President Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries | Leading Closing Session



As a former probation counselor and therapist and today as a seasoned juvenile correctional chaplain, Steve has provided over 45 years of professional institutional service to California's San Bernadino, Riverside, and Orange counties. Steve has been supervising the Protestant Chaplaincy ministry for the Orange County Juvenile Justice Complex's seven institutions since 1981. Steve's purpose is to help fulfill the Great Commission with incarcerated and hurting youth, adults, and their families.

As the Founder, President, and Executive Chaplain for Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries, an international chaplain-placing ministry, Steve also assists Christian organizations and penal agencies as a consultant in program organization and development. He has experience as an adjunct faculty member, specializing in criminology and juvenile delinquency.

Charlie Corum, Pastor of South El Monte Community Outreach | Workshop Presenter: *Reentry*



Charlie Corum is founding pastor of South El Monte Community Outreach and community ministry director at New Hope Community Church in El Monte, California. At both of these congregations in eastern Los Angeles County, multiple outreach ministries are providing services and activities to the two communities.

Charlie is an ordained Baptist minister and served as a community ministry field consultant in the California Southern Baptist Convention from 1999 to 2014. Charlie has also been a chaplain with Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries (PYCM) since 1995 and presently provides services and programs in the Los Angeles County Departments of Probation and Children and Family Services. In 2006 he started the Youthful Offender Resource Network (YORN) as a "bridge" between local churches, ministries, businesses and individuals and local youth correctional facilities. In 2015, work with foster youth and community youth programs began and YORN was renamed the Youth Outreach Resource Network.

Danny Duchene, Celebrate Recovery Inside National Director | Workshop Presenter: *Inside Out Hope (Celebrate Recovery Inside)*



Danny Duchene will lead a workshop “Inside Out Hope” describing the benefits of and how to start small groups at a Youth or Adult Correctional Facility, using CR, Life’s Healing Choices, or Purpose Driven Life.

Danny Duchene spent 32 years of his life behind prison walls. After his arrest at the age of 18 for a violent crime, Danny was visited by several volunteers from the community, demonstrating unconditional love. As a result, Danny believed in God and had a life changing experience with Jesus Christ. He took full responsibility for his crimes and his past. Danny was convicted and sentenced to 50-years-to-life, but at the age of 19 he entered the state prison system as a young man who was committed to change and a better way of life. He remained committed throughout his incarceration. While in the Jamestown, CA prison, Danny and other leaders started an In-Custody Purpose Driven church. Danny developed three Celebrate Recovery ministries in California prisons, as well as a 200-man Celebrate Recovery Cell block that in the last 14 years has helped more than 1,500 men complete CR small group step-studies. The Purpose Driven Church Danny began has led more than 2,500 fellow inmates through The Purpose Driven Life small group campaign. Danny was released in 2014 after 32 years in prison. Danny is a Pastor at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California and serves as the National Director for Celebrate Recovery Inside.

Joy Stevens, Trauma Healing Coordinator, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry | Workshop Presenter: *Biblical-Based Trauma Healing*



This workshop will not only define natural and interpersonal trauma and the role it plays in inmate’s lives but it will practically inform how to facilitate the beginning process of healing these heart wounds left as a residue of painful, debilitating life experiences.

Joy Stevens, chaplain with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, has worked in the field of corrections since 1996 starting on death row in Lincoln, Nebraska. She has worked as a correctional chaplain in three state prisons and three county jails. Joy is currently working as the Trauma Healing Coordinator through a partnership that Good News Jail & Prison Ministry has with the Trauma Healing Institute of American Bible Society. Chaplain Stevens currently trains chaplains and volunteers in 100 correctional facilities to minister Healing Heart Wounds to inmates and staff. Joy has an undergraduate in Bible as well as chaplaincy and reentry certification through the School of Correctional Ministry at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. She serves on the Executive Board of CMCA (Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association). Joy is also certified as a Master Facilitator through American Bible’s Healing Wounds of Trauma and trains others in this process.

Karen Swanson, Director of the Institute for Prison Ministries | Workshop Presenter: *Transformational Teaching*



Transformational Teaching is a teaching model which helps learners reflect on their current assumptions, be introduced to a Biblical way of thinking, and be given opportunities to apply the Biblical way of thinking. It is moving from thinking errors to responsible biblical thinking.

Dr. Karen Swanson has been the Director of the Billy Graham Center Institute for Prison Ministries (IPM) at Wheaton College since 2005. As Director, she oversees the Charles W. Colson Scholarship Program and pursues the goals of the Institute for Prison Ministries through networks, collaboration, and strategic partnerships that provide leadership and training to those engaged in correctional ministries for the advancement of the gospel. Karen has more than 25 years of higher education experience and faculty status. Karen is an author, conference workshop speaker, and has developed training curriculum. She holds an Ed.D. in Curriculum Leadership from Northern Illinois University and certifications in Justice Ministries, Motivational Interviewing, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Bridges Out of Poverty, Truthought, and Anger Management. Karen co-founded the Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association and serves on the leadership team.

Laura Suk, Pastor and Executive Director of NorthEast of the Well | Workshop Presenter: *Working with Women*



Laura Suk is the founder and pastor of NorthEast of the Well, a ministry that derives its name from John 4. She has led the organization from a small home bible study to a dynamic Christian community that evangelizes, worships, and disciples in multiple cities. Primarily, NorthEast of the Well exists to bring God's Word into places of desperate need, especially where people are lacking spiritual encouragement and direction, going into local county programs, sober livings, and residential treatment homes to share the Gospel.

Prior to her work at NorthEast, Laura served in various local and global mission endeavors. In 2003, she helped found MIKA, a Christian organization that empowers families in impoverished communities. She was the director of the Shalimar Learning Center in Costa Mesa, which served at-risk children, teens and their families. For over a decade, she has taught the bible to incarcerated youth in an Orange County prison. Laura has a passion for justice and equality, and has worked alongside grassroots ministries in the South to advocate for racial reconciliation. She has served extensively through international missions in Kenya, Haiti, Ethiopia, Israel and more.

Mark Maciel, Executive Director Prison Ministry of America | Workshop Presenter: *Chaplaincy*



Mark Maciel has been a Chaplain with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the past 20 years. For 18 of those years, Mark served as an Administrator for Religious and Volunteers Services. Today Mark is a motivational speaker throughout the correctional system and travels with the Bill Glass Ministry Team as a platform speaker. For the past 30 years, Mark has also served as an Assistant Pastor at Calvary Chapel Downey and oversees their prison ministry.

Mark began his ministry in 1981 with Calvary Chapel Downey. He has worked with many different churches to help organize their own prison ministries. Chaplain Maciel has traveled throughout the United States teaching, training, and evangelizing in prisons. Mark is a Board Member with Dr. Browning's Biblical Christian Counseling Foundation. Mark also lectures at Calvary Chapel Bible College Downey Extension and Pepperdine University. Mark has written, published and compiled many books and is known through his autobiography "The Loser, The Winner" - "The Mark Maciel Story."

Scott Larson, President and Co-Founder of Straight Ahead Ministries | Workshop Presenter: *Juveniles*



This workshop will give innovative models and methods for better understanding today's juvenile offender as well as providing a transformational ministry to them.

Dr. Scott Larson is president and founder of *Straight Ahead Ministries*, an international faith-based organization working with juvenile offenders in more than 400 juvenile detention centers in 15 states and five countries with a myriad of aftercare programs when youth return home.

Scott has authored 13 books on working effectively with troubled youth and has been a speaker to youth, parents, teachers, social workers and youth workers since 1983, and is an adjunct professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's Center for Urban Ministerial Education, Eastern University and at Gordon College. He was part of founding the *Every Youth, Every Facility* initiative, focused on partnering with ministries to reach every youth in the 1,300 juvenile detention centers in the U.S.