

Lisa Blystra, President & CEO:

Lisa Blystra has been the leader of Crossroads Prison Ministries since 2015.

Previously, Blystra was a vice president at Prison Fellowship, serving as the director of church engagement and reentry. During her tenure at Prison Fellowship, she was instrumental in expanding the network of churches involved in prison ministry across the nation. Prior to that, she served as pastor of global and community partnerships at Ridge Point Community Church in Holland, where she expanded 70×7 Life Recovery, a reentry program that connects men and women returning home to Christian mentors in their communities. This faith-based model has received state recognition for significantly reducing recidivism.

Blystra has a passion for the local church and believes it has the potential to make a huge impact on the lives of people in prison.

“My past experiences have opened my eyes to the amazing, untapped, restorative capacity of the local church to bring hope and healing to the broken things of this world,” she said. “Faith-based nonprofits play a unique role in unleashing the power of the Church.”