



## CMCA 2020 SUMMIT WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

### Workshop Session I: Friday, August 14th 11:15am - 12:15pm

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#### Crime and Over-Incarceration: A Christian Response \* (overflow workshop)

**Krista Ortiz** | Criminal justice is a hot topic across the nation. Do you have questions about what the Christian response to crime and over-incarceration should be? We'll explore these topics from the lens of faith, pretrial and sentencing reform, transforming prison culture and the collateral consequences individuals face after a criminal record. **Krista** serves Prison Fellowship's advocacy team by building and mobilizing a network of people who are passionate about justice that restores. She equips Prison Fellowship's Justice Ambassadors in the eastern United States to improve the criminal justice system using strategies like constituent lobbying, media engagement, advocacy events, and storytelling. Her faith in Christ and belief that change is possible when Christians act on behalf of others motivates her to help individuals find and raise their voice to advance justice that restores for all. Ortiz holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Social Work, with specialties in community mobilization, research, advocacy, and public policy.

TRACK: **Advocacy**

#### Creating a Greater Capacity for Volunteer Involvement

**Amy Plummer, Bruce Paulus** | Creating a greater capacity for volunteer involvement requires casting a vision that engages the local church to invest in new ways. Learn how to establish relationships that will: increase volunteer base, provide new resources, staff reentry programming and build pathways to reunify individuals returning to their families and communities. **Amy** is the Director of Community Freedom working to equip the local church to walk alongside individuals transitioning from confinement to freedom through the planting of church locations in prison. She also serves on staff at Community Christian Church as the Director of Community 4:12.

TRACK: **Chaplains, Jail/Prison**

#### Prison Ministry Discipleship: Creating an Effective Disciple-making Culture in the Correctional Setting Using Every Man a Warrior

**John Thomas** | Every Man a Warrior equips men with Biblical skills to love God, be a man of the Word and a man of prayer developing leaders and disciple-makers, as well as helps the incarcerated man to address relevant issues like raising children, dealing with hard times, marriage, moral purity, work and legacy. **John** has been the Director, National Prison Ministry Development, Every Man a Warrior since 2017. He worked in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for twenty-five years, ten as a Warden. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Psychology.

TRACK: **Chaplains, Jail/Prison**

### **A Biblical Cognitive View of Addiction and Relapse**

**Bob Vann** | This workshop will introduce participants to the Biblical Cognitive Models of alcohol and drug addiction and relapse prevention. The dynamics of addiction and relapse prevention will be presented along with biblical definitions and a breakdown of the roles spiritual factors play in addiction. Spiritual change and restoration will be compared to therapeutic change and self-rehabilitation. **Bob** is the Program Manager for Soteria C.D.C. Reentry Program in Greenville SC. He is also Executive Director and Co-Founder of “A Strictly Biblical Perspective Ministries.” He has 30 years of full-time ministry experience and has trained over 1700 mentors and facilitated workshops throughout the U.S. He holds a MA in Counseling.

TRACK: *Chaplains, Reentry*

### **Mobilizing the Incarcerated for the Great Commission**

**Don Allsman** | There are two unmistakable manifestations of God’s Kingdom in America today: the revival breaking out in our prisons and that God is sending the nations of the world to our cities. This workshop will explore how these two phenomena are intersecting and impacting the world for The Great Commission. **Don** is a member of the CMCA Advisory Board and CEO of Completion Global, a national ministry seeking innovation for the Great Commission. During his 30 years at World Impact, he held several executive roles and has authored five books used in ministry training and reentry for the incarcerated.

TRACK: *Reentry*

### **Spiritual Formation for Youth and Young Adults**

**Jana Sundene** | This workshop will examine developmental and cultural roadblocks to spiritual formation in youth—especially troubled teens and young adults. Strategies for addressing those roadblocks so the young person can move forward in their journey with Christ will be discussed. **Jana** is an Associate Professor of Christian Ministries at Trinity International University where she has been teaching since 1990. Before coming to Trinity, Jana spent ten years in youth ministry at churches in Illinois and California. Jana loves teaching the emerging adults who take her courses and is active in mentoring students. She is the co-author of [Shaping the Journey of Emerging Adults](#) (IVP, 2012).

TRACK: *Youth*

## **Workshop Session II: Friday, August 14 1:30pm - 2:30pm**

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### **Activating Younger Generations for Prison Ministry**

**Candy Gibson** | Looking for ways to engage younger generations in the work of Prison Ministry? Me too! In this workshop, we will discuss five ways to activate Gen X, Millennials and Gen Z through intentional relationships and thought-provoking encounters. As a justice-minded Millennial, I will share my experience finding a seat at the table and inviting others to sit with me. **Candy** has been a missionary with World Impact since 2006. During that time, she has had the honor of being a church planter, youth leader, camp counselor, an incarnational missionary and is now the Director of Marketing and Strategic Partnerships. She also sits on the board of Firm Foundations, a reentry ministry.

TRACK: *Advocacy*

### **Biblical Perspective of Restoration [rehabilitation]**

**Boyd Chikatulah** | This workshop will help develop a Christ-like perspective of rehabilitation- [Restoration] for persons in prison, cultivate the awareness that life change is not only available but possible, explore the Biblical context of Restoration, and discuss four Keys for change. **Boyd** worked in both the fields of corrections and pastoral care for many years. Boyd has been involved in planting Churches and served as pastor, started a ministry school, and also worked as a Field and Counseling Officer for the Drug Enforcement Commission. Boyd's work with the Drug Enforcement Commission exposed him to the inmate population and taught him about the socio-economic factors that can lead to criminalization. In Idaho, Boyd serves as the CEO of 3 Oaks Ministries which is contracted to oversee all Religious and Volunteer Services. He has conducted numerous volunteer trainings for the Department, spoken at the IDOC Volunteer Community events, and was recently appointed chair of the Community Information and Resource Fair Steering Committee.

TRACK: **Chaplains, Jail/Prison**

### **Building Bridges with Correctional Staff**

**Caterina Spinaris** | This workshop helps increase Chaplains' compassion for correctional staff through increased understanding of the toll of the job. It provides suggestions for earning the trust and respect of staff, for improving the quality of interactions with correctional staff and makes a case for the importance of regularly interceding for staff in prayer. **Caterina**, PhD, LPC, is the founding Director of Desert Waters Correctional Outreach, which promotes the occupational, personal and family well-being of the corrections workforce through the provision of evidence-informed resources, solutions and support. Caterina conducts research and designs evidence-informed educational wellness materials for the corrections workforce and their families.

TRACK: **Chaplains**

### **Fundraising: Five Pillars of Partnership Development \***

**Jon Evans** | Partnership Development is hard work. Fundraising is a dirty word to some. Using the principles developed by Kingdom Come Training, we want to show you FIVE PILLARS that show how to tell YOUR STORY in a way that will challenge people to join you as a financial partner. You share the story...the Lord moves in hearts. **Jon** is the President of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry. Good News has been placing chaplains in jails and prisons in the U.S. and around the world for more than 55 years. Today Good News has over 400 chaplains in 22 states in the U.S. and 25 countries.

TRACK: **General/All**

### **Mentoring Justice-Involved People**

**Ilinda Jackson** | Mentoring For Life is the idea of long term mentoring. Helping women that have been incarcerated connect, and bond in such a way that healthy relationships are forged. Women who have long term mentors have an emotional support system and someone that believes in their future. Those that take this workshop will have the opportunity 1. Know the power of mentoring 2. Learn the strength of follow-up and accountability 3. Hands on ways to impact those in need. **Ilinda** is the pastor of the Secret Place Community Church, a church with a heart for the surrounding community, including hurting women and their children. She is the founder and CEO of Raising the Standard Ministries, Inc. which offers faith-based transitional services for women and their children.

TRACK: **Reentry**

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## Workshop Session III: Saturday August 15th 11:15am - 12:15pm

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### Building Community Coalitions to Create Shared Power

**Troy Rienstra** | Creating coalitions to challenge oppressive systems is fulfilling work. Especially when the leaders at the forefront of the movement are those most impacted and marginalized by the systems they seek to change. Learn how to build effective transformative community coalitions by identifying and empowering indigenous leaders to lead the way. While incarcerated, **Troy** served as co-founder of Calvin University's Calvin Prison Initiative. He currently serves as Outreach Director for Safe & Just Michigan and is the lead organizer of Michigan's expungement policy reform movement. His passion for restoring political power to disenfranchised communities has led to his formation of Citizenship Academy.

TRACK: **Advocacy**

### Trauma in the Incarcerated: Causes, Effects, Biblical Response

**Joy Stevens, Lawton Searcy** | This workshop will identify the causes and effects of inmate trauma and provide a Biblical model of intervention. Chaplain **Joy Stevens** has worked in corrections and re-entry since 1996. In 2016 she began focusing her ministry on the high level of trauma of those incarcerated in our nation, partnering with the Trauma Healing Institute of American Bible. Joy has a degree in Bible and a minor in chaplaincy and re-entry through the School of Correctional Ministry at Wheaton. Joining Joy will be Chaplain **Lawton Searcy** of Elayne Hunt Corrections in Louisiana who has instituted Healing Wounds of Trauma into his facility having also trained 9 incarcerated men to facilitate.

TRACK: **Chaplains**

### Burnout in the Correctional Setting: Its More Dangerous Than You Think \* (overflow workshop)

**Kristi Anderson** | This workshop will discuss why the correctional setting is predisposed to violation of human dignity, even by well-meaning people like prison chaplains and ministers. Famous cases of gross misconduct by "good people" in prison settings will be discussed, noting how burnout set the stage for a subtle decline in judgment. The chaplain/prison minister will learn signs to watch for and practices to put into place to maintain a healthy attitude and helping heart in the correctional setting. **Kristi** serves as Research and Programs Officer for 4th Purpose Foundation. She has worked in the prison system in various capacities including chaplaincy, education, and as assistant warden overseeing all rehabilitative programming. Dr. Anderson worked for the former Angola Prison warden, Burl Cain, as the CCO of Global Prison Seminaries Foundation. She has authored 3 books (Hannah's Gift Series, Lifeline Publications), several articles (Corrections Today Magazine) and many presentations (ACA, CMCA, state chaplaincy trainings, and others) concerning prison reform and inmate rehabilitation.

TRACK: **Chaplains/Jail-Prison Ministry**

### Race, Racism & Cross-Cultural Competency - Essentials for White Prison Ministry Christians to Understand

**Scott Larson** | Any missionary going onto the mission field must receive cross-cultural training in order to be effective, and to not unintentionally cause harm. The most critical cross-cultural training for prison ministry involves training in understanding individual and systemic racism and how it plays out in the majority of prisoners who are people of color. White Christians can be effective ministers of the Gospel, but it can be diminished by not being fully aware of what their whiteness means. **Scott** is president and founder of *Straight Ahead Ministries*, an international faith-based organization working with juvenile offenders in more than 300 juvenile detention centers in 15 states and five countries with a myriad of aftercare programs when youth return home. Scott has authored 13 books 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, and Gordon College. He is also the co-founder of the *Every Youth, Every Facility* initiative, focused on partnering with ministries to reach every youth in the 1,200 juvenile detention centers in the U.S.

TRACK: **General/All**

### Successful Reentry for Men and Women with Sex Offenses

**Bob Van Domelen** | Every day hundreds of individuals are released from prison facing state registration and community legislation restricting where they live, work, and pray. Reentry organizations struggle to help but the task grows more complex. This workshop will address issues faced by sex offenders currently in reentry and offer options for more effective service to this population. **Bob** is the Director of Broken Yoke Ministries and has appeared on Life Today with James Robeson, Focus on the Family with Dr. James Dobson, was the keynote speaker for "Ministry to Pedophiles" (Amsterdam), a workshop presenter for CMCA, COPE, Out4Life and CAPA, and coordinator of Prison Aftercare Network of NE Wisconsin.

TRACK: *Jail/Prison*

### Connections: The Key for Faith-based Programs

**Karen Swanson, Eunice Arant** | Participant transformation is common in faith-based programs inside jails and prisons but what sustains this transformation once the participant is released? This workshop presents several program models and how they address the criminogenic need to establish a social support system for continued spiritual growth and rehabilitation. **Karen** is Director of the Institute for Prison Ministries at the Billy Graham Center and oversees the Charles W. Colson Scholarship Program. She has served in higher education for more than 25 years and has developed training curriculum. Karen is an author, conference workshop speaker and co-founder of CMCA. **Eunice** has served in correctional chaplaincy for 19 years and works with women in incarceration as well as women in addiction recovery. Eunice currently serves as director for New Community, an initiative of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry launched in September of 2016 for women in reentry after incarceration.

TRACK: *Reentry*

## Workshop Session IV: Saturday, August 15 1:30pm – 2:30pm

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### How to Advocate for the Incarcerated Mentally Ill

**Gwendolyn Hinton, Dana Hinton** | Learn how to advocate for your loved one who is incarcerated and is suffering with a serious mental illness disorder. Be a solution to a growing community health problem. Know your rights and the rights for your loved one. Hear the cry by doing something together to help. Education is the key to unlock the door. **Gwendolyn** is an Adjunct Professor at Middlesex County College and an Instructor at Family College, Newark South Ward Children's Alliance. She is a mental health counselor/family therapist (Counsel the Mentally Challenged). She holds a Master's in Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and is a PhD Philosophy of Education candidate at Northcentral University. Gwendolyn is also a founder of the Start House, LLC, a ministry created to advocate for those incarcerated and their families.

TRACK: *Advocacy*

### Rescuing Soldiers of Misfortune

**Lawton Searcy** | Over 8% of the prison population in the U.S. are veterans. The military is the only profession where every member is taught to fight. Yet, preparation for reentry into society is almost non-existent. Typical prison life exasperates their problems. Through Veterans Dorms and PTSD, successful reentry is almost a certainty. Chaplain **Lawton** of Elayn Hunt Correctional Center in Louisiana has instituted Healing Wounds of Trauma into his facility and trained nine incarcerated men to facilitate the program. With over 100 inmates baptized in 2019 and a dynamic Veterans program, the culture of the prison has been transformed. He holds Master's and Doctorates degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

TRACK: *Chaplains*

### **Chaplains and Volunteers: The Art of Teaming in Pursuit of Transformative Ministry**

**Michael Reighard, Daniel Odean** | Both chaplains and volunteers have been successful in the ministry of God's transformative powers. While they both have common goals, chaplains' and volunteers' roles can be quite different. This course helps bring understanding about the importance of a teamwork approach to enhance correctional ministry success. **Michael** serves as a chaplaincy representative for the Assemblies of God. His chaplaincy experiences include Federal Bureau of Prisons, Hospital, Mental Health, Hospice and Emergency Services Chaplaincy. He has been actively involved in the founding of Jericho Commission, a Christ-based reentry ministry, CMCA and 461 Response. **Daniel** has been an ordained minister for 30 years and currently serves as the Correctional Ministries Representative for the Assemblies of God Chaplain Department in Springfield, Missouri.

TRACK: **Chaplaincy, Jail/Prison**

### **Community Development Strategies and Reentry \* (overflow workshop)**

**Jerry Blessingame** | For those of us who are called to run a reentry organization, we understand the daunting task of this ministry. We do it because we love the people we serve. It would be awesome if we could fund our organization with love. In this workshop you will hear testimony and learn how to collaborate and use the resources that are already in the community to fund your work. If you are ready to be inspired and run a sustainable organization, this workshop is for you. **Jerry** is founder and CEO of Soteria Community Development Corporation in Greenville, South Carolina. He mentors and trains previously incarcerated individuals as they reenter communities, acting as a catalyst for mutual understanding, respect and cooperation. As a survivor of the criminal legal system, Jerry provides tools to enable access and opportunities for individuals and families impacted by the legal system.

TRACK: **Reentry**

### **Effective Juvenile Justice Ministry - from lock-up to re-entry**

**Scott Larson** | Juvenile Justice Ministry is unique in regards to adolescent brain development, trauma impact and the uniqueness of working with minors in a system that is different from adult corrections. Youth who are locked up are a unique and unreached mission field. Only 1/3 of the 1,200 juvenile facilities in the U.S. have ongoing ministry in them. But simply recreating an adult prison ministry in a juvenile facility doesn't work. Learn how you can establish an effective ministry to reach this population. **Scott** is president and founder of *Straight Ahead Ministries*, an international faith-based organization working with juvenile offenders in more than 300 juvenile detention centers in 15 states and five countries with a myriad of aftercare programs when youth return home. Scott has authored 13 books 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, and Gordon College. He is also the co-founder of the *Every Youth, Every Facility* initiative, focused on partnering with ministries to reach every youth in the 1,200 juvenile detention centers in the U.S.

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