



## CMCA 2022 Summit Workshop Descriptions

### Workshop Session IV

#### **Unleashing the Power of God through Spiritual Warfare Prayer for Inmates and Correctional Staff**

**Dwight Anderson** | A key foundation for effective prison ministry is Prayer. Learn how to unleash the power of God in prayer using spiritual warfare praying for the lost, how to pray for inmates and correctional staff. This praying has helped us reach over 17,000 new inmates in the last 6 years. This is a ministry ALL churches can do that will make a huge impact! **Dwight** is executive director of Prison Mission Association (PMA), one of the fastest-growing prison ministries, with the goal of developing leaders within prisons to plant churches behind bars. Dwight speaks around the country & overseas. Since becoming director of PMA, they have added over 17,000 new students. He is co-host of Prison Transformation Radio.

#### **Working with Justice-Involved Youth: What you need to know**

**Steve Lowe & Rick Johnson** | Come with your questions for chaplains Steve Lowe and Rick Johnson with over 80 years-experience working with juveniles inside detention centers and in aftercare. **Steve**, a co-founder of CMCA, has provided professional institutional service in southern California counties, including supervising the Protestant Chaplaincy Ministries for the Orange County Juvenile Justice Complex's multiple institutions for 51 years and continuing to facilitate juvenile ministry at national sites. As Founder, President, and Executive Chaplain for Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries, Steve also assists Christian organizations and penal agencies as a consultant in program development and implementation. **Rick** is on staff with Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries and serves as the supervising chaplain for the Orange County Probation facilities. He is an ordained minister, certified correctional chaplain, and has a B.A. in Psychology. He has served full-time as a chaplain since 1986 and makes around 4000 contacts each year.

#### **No One Leaves Alone: Reintegration Project Research Study**

**Raymond Robyn** | For the past three years, the Government of Canada funded the No One Leaves Alone -Reintegration Project. This workshop will reflect the process, development and results of this research project. **Raymond** has been the M2W2 Association- Restorative Christian Ministries, Executive Director since 2014. Raymond is committed to M2W2's mission to empower and equip volunteers to build practical mentoring relationships with people affected by incarceration.

## **Motivational Interviewing Basics**

**Karen Swanson** | Motivational Interviewing is an evidence-based practice that fosters change by helping a person explore and resolve ambivalence. Rather than trying to “fix” a person’s behavior, MI looks for ways to access internal motivation for change through conversations that are empathetic and respectful. Participants will be able to name and demonstrate the basics of MI. **Karen** is Director of the Correctional Ministries Institute at the Wheaton College 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.

## **Shepherding Your Volunteers**

**Linda Thornbrugh & Christine Coleman** | The Way, Truth, & Life will take participants through a cornerstone of our ministry, supporting volunteer spiritual growth. Volunteer spiritual growth is essential to overall spiritual health of the organization. Our presentation will engage attendees in participation activities including mini sessions of volunteer training and strategic planning. **Linda** has 15 years prison ministry experience. She recently received a governor’s appointment to the Jail Standards Committee for the state of Arkansas. She is a pastor’s wife and a full-time nurse. **Christine** is a 2021 Colson Scholarship Graduate with 10 years in correctional ministry.

## **Giving Returning Citizens their Best Chance to Succeed**

**Rod Thompson** | The workshop will inform, equip, and provide practical research-based, faith-centered tools for those concerned about the fast-growing number of people being devastated by life-controlling issues. The workshop also describes Rod’s extremely personal “Road to Freedom” experiences. Dr. **Rod** Thompson spent 30 years as a successful school district and community leader. He made a poor leadership decision that ultimately led him to serving a two-year federal prison term. Having been made an example of by the criminal justice system, Dr. Rod relied on faith, research and personal experience and now advocates for partnerships with law enforcement and the faith community to give returning citizens their best chance to succeed.

## **FAQ’s for Successful Reentry Ministry**

**Joseph Williams & Jerry Blassingame** | Joe and Jerry represent more than 50 years combined of reentry experience. Hear their answers to the most frequently asked questions by those starting in reentry ministry and seasoned reentry leaders. Bring your questions and learn how to maximize your ministry effectiveness. **Joe** has created and implemented several innovative approaches that have helped thousands to experience total restoration. Joe currently serves as Senior Training and Technical Assistance Consultant for the National Reentry Resource Center where he oversees adult community reentry providers of justice-related services in urban and rural areas under the Second Chance Act, Mentoring and Community Based Adult Reentry track. **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.