



CMCA 2022 Summit Workshop Descriptions

Workshop Session I

Helping Children of the Incarcerated Thrive

Maria Amaya | The children of incarcerated parents experience social and emotional obstacles. They may exhibit high-risk behaviors such as anger, violence, and inner behaviors of anxiety, depression, and inability to pay attention. We will explore how maintaining relationships during incarceration may decrease these negative behaviors and lessen cyclical incarceration. **Dr. Amaya** has served the incarcerated and their families for 25 years. This experience led to the research of social justice for children of the incarcerated. She was the Wraparound Program Manager serving court-referred youth in the Department of Children and Family Services, probation, and foster care programs.

One-on-One Ministry

Carl Carpenter | In Jesus' short time among us, He ministered to many people in contrasting environments. Jesus ministered to masses from a boat just off the shoreline, in a house bursting at the seams, and then to just a single person drawing water at a well. During our time together we will discuss opportunities to bless and serve One-on-One. In 2002, after a 17-year career in the cabinet making industry, **Carl** began serving as a chaplain at a youth detention center and at state correctional facilities. He has also served as a full-time pulpit minister, full-time outreach minister, and currently serves as a full-time chaplain at a state work release program and elder at his church.

What Does "Evidence-Based" Mean for Programs?

Rachel Crawley | This workshop will define "evidence-based" and "evidence-informed" for re-entry programming, explain how to evaluate and use evidence to make decisions about programming, and how to justify or defend programming decisions. Participants will learn to critically evaluate "evidence-based" or "evidence-informed" re-entry programming, use available evidence to make programming decisions, and justify re-entry programming decisions.

Rachel is a PhD-level researcher with a clinical background who joined Prison Fellowship as the Director of Research and Curriculum Assessment in early 2021.

The Reentry Opportunity Center Model

Dan Hanneken & D'Markus Thomas-Brown | The ROC is rooted in Biblical principles and grounded in evidence-based practice to provide a new and innovative community resource for people recently released from incarceration. The resource/community center hybrid gives people recently released a prosocial hangout where peers are utilized to address criminogenic needs. Where community matters. **Dan** is an LCSW, CPS with lived, academic, and professional experience uniquely qualifying him to operate numerous programs under the in2Action umbrella where he serves as Executive Director. Hanneken is a published author of reentry issues and teaches criminal justice and EBP at the University of Missouri. Most of all, Dan loves Jesus! **D'Markus** is the Program Director at The Recovery Support and Reentry Opportunity Center (The ROC) and Lead Pastor of Convergence Church.

A Biblically-based Program for the Minor-attracted Adult

Karen Hart | The Keys program is a Bible study that addresses the roots of attractions to minors as well as other sexual addictions. It teaches participants to identify distorted thoughts, replace them with the truth from Scripture, block temptations with memorized verses, and base their identities on who they are in Christ. **Karen** is a licensed psychologist with a degree in counseling psychology, but no longer has an active practice. She has been the director of Keys Ministry since 2006. The program can be done by correspondence, making it ideal for prison inmates, as well as one-on-one or in a group.

Disruptive Networking: Creating an Online Reentry Marketplace

Fred Nelson | Reentry is broken, but it's ripe for transformation. One key to that transformation is an invisibility-busting online platform that allows returning citizens and service providers to see and be seen and communicate directly with each other (think "eHarmony for reentry"). This has the potential to reshape & refocus the role of the DOC as well. **Fred** is the Founder and Executive Director of the Inside Out Network, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting returning citizens to service providers. He is also a pastor and the author of Spiritual Survival Guide to Prison and Beyond.

Trauma in the Incarcerated: Causes, Effects, Biblical Response

Joy Stevens & Ardic Fields | This workshop will discuss the cause and effect of the high level of trauma of those in our nation's jails and prisons. It will introduce a Biblical model that has been implemented, and found effective through research, to heal their trauma. This ministry has been referred to as the, "missing link." 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 Society. Joy has a degree in Bible, and a minor in chaplaincy and re-entry through the School of Correctional Ministry at Wheaton College. **Ardic** is a graduate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at Angola Prison, is a certified Healing Group and Training Facilitator with the Trauma Healing Institute and has facilitated 9 healing groups at Elayne Hunt Corrections during Covid, as a peer minister.

Creating a Culture of Discipleship and Multiplication

John Thomas | Developing a multi-generational network of self-initiating, reproducing disciple-makers in the correctional setting. Watch men transform, disciple other men, change the trajectory of their families, step into leadership while still incarcerated, and most importantly "walk with Jesus". Every man learns written quiet times, memorizes scripture, and prays. **John** is the global prison ministry director for Every Man a Warrior, a men's ministry of Trans World Radio. John, a former warden, worked in the PA DOC for 25 years, full-time with Every Man a Warrior in October 2017. Recent implementation in Kenya.

Workshop Session II

Innovation in Reentry: Forming a Healthy Statewide Community of Returning Citizens

Don Allsman & Jarret Keith | A remarkable innovation is taking place in California, where the formerly incarcerated are creating their own re-entry community. Rather than waiting for others to take the initiative, they are inviting ministries to join in their environment-changing network. This session offers practical instruction on how you can launch a similar venture. **Don** is CEO of Completion Global, Inc. Don served as VP of World Impact for 27 years and led the expansion of The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) from 12 locations to 284 locations in 18 countries. He has authored or co-authored five books used in leadership training. **Jarret** is Founder and Ministry Director of Testimony Ministries, which is committed to Reentry Discipleship, Ministry Force Development, and Gospel-informed Advocacy for the formerly incarcerated.

Exploring Reentry through a Sr. Military Chaplain's Lens

Jim Browning | Could lessons learned about reentry/integration from a military chaplain's perspective help facilitate fresh ideas for correctional chaplains involved in reentry programs? Similarities and differences will be explored. Reentry/Integration is the outcome of a continuous effort that starts at the beginning of the incarceration, not toward the end. **Jim** is Director of the Marsh Center for Chaplain Studies, a center focused on equipping, advocating, and supporting chaplaincy of all types. Retired as a senior USAF chaplain (colonel) with nearly 30 years of experience helping Airmen and their families deal with challenging issues like reentry/integration.

From Lived Experience to Leaders

Reba Collins, James Clay, Mike Davis, Jami Nathan | Transition from incarceration to community provides the best opportunity for new leaders to emerge. This workshop explores how to create a culture of inclusive discipleship and leadership development within a larger restorative justice movement and identifies key cultural characteristics that promote "Saul to Paul" transformation. **Reba** has led the development, since 2016, of the West Ohio UMC Conference's All In Community ministry model for restorative justice. **James** is CEO & Founder of Battle Tested LLC & co-founder of H.O.P.E Letters at Grace United Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio. **Mike** is Chief in the Office of Recreation and Religious Services for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. **Jami** serves on the All In Community team for the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Family Reunification

Vanessa Gardner | Incarceration effects the entire family. Those incarcerated are disconnected from their families. Family reunification works to restore communication, heal trauma, and prevent the cycle of incarceration. This workshop will include ministries and resources that focus on the entire family of those incarcerated. **Vanessa** is founder of Reentry Consultants of America, LLC and is a consultant for Discipleship Unlimited. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in Correctional Ministry and as a Community Liaison which helps her to oversee 7 Faith Based Dorms and 2 Reentry Dorms within prisons for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Funding the Reentry Non-Profit

Bradley Janowski | To be successful, a non-profit organization must secure funding from year to year. Diversifying funding leads to organizational confidence to plan strategically for the future. This workshop will review eight non-profit business models and review examples, revenue profiles, management challenges, and management focus of each model. **Bradley** is a non-profit executive with many years of successful fundraising experience. Raising almost \$5 million for reentry operations, he has managed public and private funding models with great success. This workshop will share those experiences and give attendees information and tools to enhance their fundraising confidence.

Leadership: What your Staff and Volunteers need from you

Evelyn Lemly | Keeping staff and volunteers engaged, involved, and active through normal times, crisis, or change can be challenging. Discussion on key leadership tips for leading and best practices to optimize your team. Focus on how to improve commitment and quality of carrying out your ministry work through your people. Self-care and people care and how it all works together to enhance your ministry for the short term and the long term. **Evelyn** serves as CEO of Kairos Prison Ministry International which is in over 500 communities in 10 countries utilizing over 30,000 volunteers. She holds an MBA in leadership of organizations, marketing, and finance and she has trained around the world in fundraising, management, and leadership. Evelyn serves as Vice President on the Executive Board for CMCA and as Secretary for the Coalition of Prison Evangelists Board of Directors.

The Other Side of the Boat: John 21 Ministry Response to COVID

Jennifer Lowrey | The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted traditional ministry, but God always makes a way to share the hope of Christ behind bars. Prison Fellowship's Floodlight and The Storehouse are two ways we have seen ministry adapt to the new landscape. Join the discussion to hear how these two resources developed and add your voice to help shape their future. **Jennifer** has been with Prison Fellowship over 15 years. She currently serves as National Director of Field Resources, leading the new Floodlight Program and The Storehouse. Previous roles at Prison Fellowship include National Director of Hope Events, Program Manager of Angel Tree Camping, and Field Director for the state of Arkansas.

Reaching Gen Z

David Odom | Today's youth are part of a new cohort called Generation Z (born 1996-2010). This session will help ministry leaders consider the unique characteristics of teenagers today and strategies to reach them. We know teenagers need to hear the gospel – but what are the most effective ways to reach young people? This session will also help ministry leaders learn how to have evangelistic conversations with teenagers. **David** is Associate Professor of Student Ministry and Director of the Youth Ministry Institute at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Before joining the faculty, Dr. Odom served as an Associate Pastor and Youth Minister in churches in Texas and Alabama. He has a heart for the local church and training the next generation of ministry.

Workshop Session III

Life and Spiritual Balance

Ruby Burris | Finding a healthy balance in our daily living and our ministry calling keeps us purposeful, healthy, and spiritually focused. Few would guess the answer on how to do this is simple. Based on the life of Christ, balance is something that all can achieve. **Ruby** has been in ministry her whole life but began full time vocational ministry with Kairos Prison Ministry in December 2020. After having volunteered for 8 years, this was an easy step and an honor to be able to serve God and fellow believers in reaching those impacted by incarceration.

Working with Justice-Involved Women Inside and Out

Leticia Chavez-Paulette & Ilinda Jackson | This workshop will identify challenges and solutions to work with incarcerated women and help them successfully reintegrate back into society. **Leticia** is founder and Executive Director of A Peaceful Habitation. APH, Inc. provides workshops, wellness services, mentorship, evidence and faith-based services for justice and marginalized women in NM. Recently Leticia was employed as the Coordinator of Volunteer and Faith-based Services with NM Corrections Department and has now returned to APH. **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. Ilinda is also a chaplain and works with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections as the Agency Volunteer Services Coordinator.

Mental Health and Chaplains: At the Intersection of Self-Care and Care for others

Vance Drum | Mental health is currently at the center of concerns about optimal functioning in prisons. Chaplains provide pastoral care to inmates, but to do so, they must ensure that they themselves are integrated in good mental, spiritual, emotional, and physical health. This workshop will advocate for wholistic solutions to these concerns. **Vance**, D.Min. is a Peer Ministry Consultant with Prison Seminaries Foundation. He is the former Director of Chaplaincy Operations in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, retiring after 32 years with the agency. He is a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Murray State University and Abilene Christian University.

The Onesimus Vision for Reentry

Rich Esselstrom & Will Francis | Paul exhorts Philemon to welcome Onesimus, the former prisoner, back into the life of the church for he was useful for ministry and a mature disciple. This workshop will focus on mobilizing churches to welcome, equip, and empower returning citizens for a thriving life and fruitful ministry as they reenter society. Rev. **Richard** has served in urban ministry for over 35 years with World Impact. In that time, he has led church plant teams, directed city ministries, and is currently the National Prison Ministry Director for World Impact. His greatest joy in ministry is getting behind returning citizens and seeing them thrive in life and ministry. Pastor **Will** Francis is Lead Practitioner at Lives and Souls Missional Church and The HUB in Atlanta, GA. He and his team work within marginalized communities, transforming ministry, minds, lives and souls in order to influence communities, culture, and the World in which we live, learn, work, play and worship. Will is a Missional Artist, Kingdom Strategist, Ministry Developer and Partner Church with World Impact.

Reentry Simulation

Shawntelle Fisher | This workshop will consist of an interactive prison reentry simulation where participants will gain a better understanding of the relationship between post-incarceration homelessness and mental health outcomes among recently released individuals with mental illnesses. Workshop participants will step into the lives of real individuals and experience the systemic effects of mental illness on individuals who are recently released from prison and trying to meet life's basic needs. **Shawntelle** is founder/CEO of the SoulFisher Ministries, a non-profit she now leads under the direction of her Board of Directors. Shawntelle not only supports the community through the work of The SoulFisher Ministries, she has done numerous workshops on dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, reentry simulations, and trainings with the Missouri Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Redemption and the Christian Response to the Criminal Justice System

Chelsea Friske & Monika Soto | Criminal justice reform is a topic that is sweeping across the nation. Do you have questions about what a Christian response should be? We will explore criminal justice issues including parole, earned time and good time credits, to provide practical resources and ideas for how you can bring about change within the criminal justice system. **Chelsea**, as Legislative Research Manager, serves Prison Fellowship's advocacy team by managing the tracking of criminal justice trends, authoring technical writing pieces, and producing resources that raise the profile of values-based criminal justice reform. **Monika** serves as the Justice Ambassador Program Manager at Prison Fellowship by equipping Ambassadors to advocate for cultural change and legislative reforms that advance justice that restores.

Learning by Doing - Using Action Methods

Rick Johnson | The best way to learn action methods is to do them. This workshop will not only explain the use of action methods in correctional ministry but will also have you participate in them during the class. Action methods include role-playing, future projections, spectrograms, and locograms. **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.

Ministry to Families Impacted by Crime and Incarceration

Denise Strothers | Family members not only suffer great shame and embarrassment but are suddenly challenged with many new realities and financial hardships. Caregivers of children with a parent in prison face a range of distinct challenges. What are the impacts of incarceration on the caregiver, the children, and how can congregations help to support the family? **Denise** serves on the pastoral team at Impact DMV church. She received a DMin from Howard University School of Divinity with a concentration in Church and Community. Dr. Denise has provided educational training to faith-based organizations and churches on how to provide spiritual support and foster positive relationships with returning citizens and their families.

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.