



CMCA 2022 Summit Workshop Descriptions

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 systemics 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** Strothers 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.

