



CMCA 2022 Summit Workshop Descriptions

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.