



## Workshop Descriptions 2024

### Workshop Session 3 Saturday May 18 10:45am-12:15pm

#### **Transitioning from Prison to a Life of Purpose**

**Jason & Joya Calloway, Room 121** | Jason and Joya share their program and experiences of working with those transitioning from incarceration to the community and who struggle with addiction. Jason and Joya Calloway are Founders and Directors of *I'm in Transition Ministries*: a residential reentry and recovery program in Ohio.

#### **Leading from the Bottom Up: Empowering the Incarcerated to Change their Culture**

**Howie Close, Room 250** | Howie, formerly incarcerated, will share the relevance and effectiveness of how Christian lead teams behind the walls can have real power and impact on the prison culture. Learn training principles for developing indigenous leaders and how chaplains and volunteers can be of support. Pastor Howie Close is a Colorado State DOC and Federal BOP Chaplain and oversees the prison ministry at Woodman Valley Chapel in Colorado Springs.

#### **Mentoring for Successful Reentry in a Challenging Time**

**Vance Drum & Johnny Frambo, Room 132** | This workshop will highlight today's cultural and spiritual challenges facing formerly incarcerated persons and provide a roadmap for cognitive restructuring that mentoring can provide for successful reentry. Dr. Vance Drum is a former Texas Director of Chaplains and a Peer Ministry Consultant with Prison Seminars Foundation. Johnny Frambo is the Florida DOC's Chaplaincy Services Administrator.

#### **Understanding Trauma's Role for the Incarcerated**

**Meagan Gillian, Room 138** | Hear how to identify trauma-related behaviors and be equipped with strategies to mitigate the negative impact of trauma in the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated and yourself. Meagan Gillan serves with Community Freedom co-leading a support group for formerly incarcerated people in Aurora, IL.

#### **28 Pitfalls of a Man**

**Rodney & Tolliny Rankins, Room 140** | This insightful workshop will bring awareness and responsibility through accountability. Topics range from regret to pride as the authors share from their lived experience, incarceration and healthy reentry. Rodney Rankins is an author, co-founder of Redemption 100, a non-profit that provides essentials to returning citizens upon their release. Dr. Tolliny Rankins is an author and co-founder of Redemption 100.

#### **Prison: A Place the Entire Church can Serve**

**Gabby Reed, Room 136** | Gabby shares how to work with congregants who find prison ministry intimidating and how churches with limited resources can create pathways for volunteer engagement and financial support. Attendees will be challenged to find synergy between the needs of those impacted by incarceration and the gifts and talents of the congregation. Gabby Reed is the Prison Ministry Leader at One Community Church in Texas.

### **How Normal Ordinary Responsible People (NORPs) can Connect with Justice-Involved People**

**Karen Swanson, Room 252** | Most correctional ministry workers are middle-class, Normal Ordinary Responsible People (NORP), who think and make decisions differently than most justice-involved people. Increase your awareness of these differences and ways to strengthen your connections and ministry effectiveness with those you serve. Dr. Karen Swanson is the Director for the Correctional Ministries Institute, Wheaton College Billy Graham Center.

### **How to Fight Stigma and Restore Returning Citizens**

**Mark Vander Meer & Greg Chandler, Room 134** | For decades, the church has stigmatized returning citizens. Mark will present original research and proven strategies to help your church reduce stigma, provide healing spaces, and restore returning citizens. Dr. Mark Vander Meer is the Executive Director of Community Recovery International, Grand Rapids, MI. Greg Chandler is a 34 year "returning citizen", Licensed/Ordained Minister, Certified Recovery Coach, and Operations Director, Community Recovery International.

## **Workshop Session 4 Saturday May 18 1:30-3:00pm**

### **A Holistic Approach for Returning Citizens**

**Charles Anderson, Room 121** | Charles will cover the essential components of correctional ministry, explain the difference between redemptive versus restorative ministry, and describe a holistic ministry with returning citizens and their journey to being made whole. Pastor Charles Anderson is the Founder and CEO of Epiphany Life Change Ministries, in Houston, TX a Christian reentry ministry.

### **Ministry with Correctional Officers**

**Dwight Anderson, Room 136** | Dwight will describe corrections fatigue and discuss how your ministry can help alleviate or mitigate some of the issues corrections officers face due to the daily high stress and violence they experience. Resources and practical solutions will be provided. Pastor Dwight Anderson, Director of Prison Mission Association (PMA), develops leaders in prison to plant micro-churches behind bars.

### **Nuts and Bolts of Running a Non-Profit**

**Jerry Blassingame, Room 132** | Jerry will share from more than 20 years-experience of leading a successful non-profit. Hear the basic components, tools, pitfalls and strategies for an organization trying to survive and thrive. Jerry Blassingame is the Founder/CEO of Soteria Community Development Association, SC.

### **Levers of Change for Justice that Restores**

**Chelsea Friske, Room 134** | This interactive workshop will highlight different levers utilized for policy and culture change, and discuss recent policy efforts at the state and federal levels. Chelsea Friske serves as the Director of Policy & Research, Prison Fellowship.

### **How to Process Childhood Trauma**

**Rick Johnson, Room 252** | Learn how to process trauma Biblically, identify fantasies, accept reality, and improve relationships where painful memories are replaced with good ones. Rick Johnson is the Supervising Chaplain with Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries for Orange County, CA.

### **The Journey: Trauma, Addiction, Recovery, and the Bible**

**Erika Mariglia, Patrick Nelson, Heather Bunting, Room 138** | Many incarcerated come from a past full of trauma and addiction, in need of recovery. Erika will discuss recovery models, best practices, and Biblically-informed recovery. Tools and resources from professionals and pastors who treat and counsel people in recovery will be shared. Erika Mariglia is the Director of Programs and Outreach for Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry. Patrick Nelson is an addictions counselor. Heather Bunting, MD, Family Medicine, provides medical care to those overcoming addiction.

**Reentry Ready: Preparing Those Returning Home and Volunteers for Success**

**Tina Washington, Room 140** | Tina will share from her own experiences how to have open conversations with current and formerly incarcerated individuals that create safe, successful and scripture-based reentry. Tina Washington is the Founder of Life After the X, in Texas.