



Workshop Descriptions 2024

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.