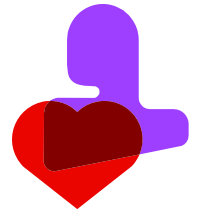




Opening Gates, Opening Hearts:

Faithful responses to offender reentry



Saturday, September 12, 2009
 The Crossing, 3615 Southland Drive
 Columbia, Missouri

Registration is \$25 prior to August 22nd, after that time it is \$35
(registration includes lunch)

Attendance at this event will qualify for annual VIC in service training.

Schedule

8:00 Displays Open	10:45 Break
8:30 Registration	11:00 Group A - Simulation Group B - Breakout 2
9:00 Opening Worship and Introductions	11:45 Lunch/Networking/Displays
9:15 Keynote by Josh Kezer , exonerated and released from prison on Feb. 18 after serving 14 years.	12:45 Ex-Offender Panel
9:45 Break	1:15 Group A - Breakout 1 Group B - Simulation
10:00 Morning Breakout Sessions Group A - Simulation Group B - Breakout 1	2:00 Break
	2:15 Group A - Breakout 2 Group B - Simulation
	3:00 Depart

Simulation: 97 percent of offenders who spend time in Missouri prisons return home and live close to you. They face challenges that most people can't begin to understand. This simulation offers workshop participants an opportunity to experience some of the hurdles encountered by ex-offenders who have paid their debt to society and now hope to return to productive lives. The goal is to ultimately provide a safer community by helping these offenders become reintegrated back into the community in productive ways. Led by Steve Tatlow, Boone County Offender Transition Network (BCOTN).

Conference participants will have an opportunity to participate in **two service projects** that benefit offenders and their families. More information will be sent with registration confirmation.

◆◆ Breakout groups are on the reverse side ◆◆

Reentry conference planning committee:

- Gary Behrns, Pastor, Christian Fellowship Church, Jefferson City
- Sharon Dunn, Special Projects Coordinator, Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, Jefferson City
- Tammy Gillespie, University of Missouri Extension, 4-H LIFE Program, Columbia
- Scott Johnston, Missouri Union Presbytery Criminal Justice Mission Team, Jefferson City
- Melissa Massman, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, MO Department of Corrections, Jefferson City
- Tom Maxwell, Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Boonville
- Fran Schnarre and Krystal Jacobs, Missouri School of Religion - Center for Rural Ministry, Jefferson City
- Steve Tatlow, Boone County Offender Transition Network, Columbia
- Janice Webb, Grace Evangelical Free Church, Jefferson City, Jefferson City
- Doug Worsham, Supervisor of Religious/Spiritual Programming, MO Department of Corrections, Jefferson City

Workshops

Will be presented in the morning and repeated in the afternoon opposite the simulation. Two workshops will be presented at one time.

Prison Ministry 101 and 201: Out of sight—Out of mind? Not with God. Although society houses them away from view, prisoners have the same spiritual needs and struggles you and I have. God is already working inside prison walls and is calling those who have experienced His mercy and forgiveness on the outside to share it with those who cry in the night in a lonely prison cell. Come join an exciting front edge ministry reaching out to the incarcerated with the message of hope and restoration that truly only God can provide. Prison Ministry 201 will cover how can we effectively minister to prisoners? What works? What doesn't? How can ministry be relevant? Why should we just settle for the few that come to our programs? Can we do ministry better? Learn how to have a thriving effective and relevant prison ministry that truly makes a difference. Presented by Doug Worsham

Supporting families during re-entry of a loved one: This workshop will include a discussion of the adjustments, understanding and perseverance families need for a successful re-entry. Presented by Jane Williams, long-time leader in ministries in Columbia and Debbie Clark, wife of an ex-offender.

Calling your church: Many congregations are reluctant to become involved in prison or re-entry ministries. Rev. Ted and Linda Schroeder of Kansas City, MO will discuss ways to move hearts and minds into this ministry. Ted is a retired pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) and Linda is the former executive director of Project Cope in St. Louis.

Re-entry Ministry Experiences: Re-entry Ministry Experiences: Establishing a re-entry ministry has joys, challenges and pitfalls. Learn from the experiences of Tony Lenci, founder of FTC Ministries and the Lighthouse Mission and Transitional Housing Program, Osage Beach, and Dan Hanneken, MSW, CCJP, of Columbia's Christian Reentry Coalition (CCRC).

Registration Form

"Opening Gates, Opening Hearts: Faithful responses to offender reentry"

Please check the box if you would **NOT** like information listed on the roster for the event.

Name: _____ [] Home Phone: _____

[] Address: _____ [] Work Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ [] Email: _____

Church/Organization: _____

[] Early Registration by August 22 - \$25 [] Registration after August 22 - \$35

[] I request VIC in-service training credit

[] I would like to reserve a display space (free with paid registration - **Deadline August 22**)

[] I am not able to attend, but would like to contribute to the event. My contribution is enclosed.

Please mark which breakout sessions you are most interested in attending (one for Breakout 1 and 1 for Breakout 2):

Breakout 1

[] Prison Ministry 101 and 201

[] Supporting families during re-entry of a loved one

Breakout 2

[] Calling Your Church

[] Re-entry Ministry Experiences

Payment options: Check MasterCard Visa

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Signature _____

Refund Policy: Refund of the entire fee will be made when cancellation is received two weeks prior to the start of the event. Refund of 50% will be made on cancellation made after the two week grace period, however **NO REFUNDS** will be made for cancellations received two days prior to the event

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