

## INTRO TO PRISON MINISTRY: Everyone Can Do Something!

### WEBINAR RESOURCES

10/3/19

#### Prison Ministry

Books: Melanie G. Snyder, *Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity* (Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 2009)

Susan Burton & Cari Lynn, *Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women* (New York, NY: The New Press, 2017)

W. Wilson Goode Sr., Charles E. Lewis Jr., Harold Dean Trulear, *Ministry with Prisoners & Families: The Way Forward* (Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2011)

Marc Mauer & Ashley Nellis, *The Meaning of Life: The Case for Abolishing Life Sentences* (New York, NY: The New Press, 2018)

Video: Melanie Snyder, at TEDxLancaster, "Breaking out of Prison Thinking", 5/30/14, available on Youtube.

Movie: "Concrete, Steel and Paint", New Day Films, Directed by Cindy Burstein and Tony Heriza, 2009,  
<http://www.concretefilm.com>

Some national and state organizations involved in prison ministry:

Kairos - <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/>

Kairos outside - <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/kairos-outside-womens-program.php>

Prison fellowship - <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/>

Yokefellows - <http://yokefellowship.net/>

Pennsylvania Prison Society - <https://www.prisonsociety.org/>

Healing Communities - <https://www.healingcommunitiesusa.com/>

#### Mass Incarceration/Selective impact on people of color

Books: Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (New York, NY: The New Press, 2010)

Alexander Natapoff, *Punishment Without Crime: How our Massive Misdemeanor System Traps the Innocent and Makes America More Unequal* (New York, NY: Basic Books, 2018)

Jennifer Eberhardt, *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What we see, Think, and Do* (New York, NY: Viking, 2019)

Movies: “13<sup>th</sup>”, directed by Ava DuVernay, 2016, available on Netflix

“True Justice: Bryan Stevenson’s Fight for Equality”, directed by Peter Kunhardt, 2019, available on HBO

Organization websites: Equal Justice Initiative, [www.eji.org](http://www.eji.org)

#cut50: [www.cut50.org](http://www.cut50.org)

The sentencing project, <https://www.sentencingproject.org/>

### **Death Penalty**

Books: Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* (New York, NY: Spiegel & Grau, 2014)

Anthony Ray Hinton, *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life, Freedom, and Justice* (New York, NY: St. Martins Press, 2018)

Sister Helen Prejean, *Dead Man Walking* (New York, NY: Vintage Books, 1993)

Advocacy against death penalty: Witness to innocence, <https://www.witnesstoinnocence.org/>

### **Restorative Justice**

Books: Howard Zehr, *The Little Book of Restorative Justice* (New York, NY: Good Books, 2015)

Howard Zehr, *Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice* (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 2005)

Podcast: WYNC Studios On The Media podcast “Repairing Justice: An Alternative to Prison” 7/31/19, <https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/repairing-justice-alternative-prison>

TV series: *The Redemption Project*, Hosted by Van Jones, originally aired on CNN, 2019  
8 episodes, may be available by streaming via [Youtube TV](#), [Direct TV](#), [Fubo](#), [Sling](#), [Spectrum](#)

### **Forgiveness**

Books: Donald B. Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt & David L. Weaver, *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy* (San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2007)

Jeanne Bishop, *Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy, and Making Peace with my Sister’s Killer* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015)

Simon Wiesenthal, *The Sunflower* (New York, NY: Schocken Books, 1998)

Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu, *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* (New York, NY: Harper Collins, 2014).

Lewis B. Smedes, *The Art of Forgiving: When You Need to Forgive and Don't Know How* (Nashville, TN: Ballantine Publishing, Random House, 1996).

Adam Hamilton, *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2012).

**Additional Advocacy Groups:**

Families Against Mandatory Minimums, [www.famm.org](http://www.famm.org)

CADBI, Coalition to abolish death by incarceration, <https://decarceratepa.info/CADBI>

The Innocence Project, <https://www.innocenceproject.org/>