RETURNING CITIZENS (EX-OFFENDERS)

Danny Saeed - He served 15 years in prison and is now working full-time for the Veteran’s Affairs Administration. He is clean and sober and has been a strong mentor and life coach for the St. John’s Path to Freedom Ministry for the past three years. I am sure he would be willing to share his testimony if available.

Ronnie Curry - He also served 15 years in prison. He has been a member of the St. John’s Downtown UMC Path to Freedom for the past five years. He is a licensed barber and a prolific speaker. I am sure she would be available to give a testimony if available.

Alicia Thomas - She has served several years in prison. She is gainfully employed and a small business owner and a strong motivational speaker. I am sure she would be willing to give a testimony if available. She is a member of St. John’s Downtown UMC Path to Freedom Ministry.

Reverend Tracy Dudley - She is a former ex-offender and leads an organization in Houston called Women Motivating Women. She is a dynamic motivational speaker and has done much work with COOL ministries.

Rev. Marvin Hood - Pastor of New Gate UMC - marvelous272003@yahoo.com
Dr. Tracy Andrus - Director of Criminal Justice Institute- Wiley College - 903-923-2420
Bill Kleiber - Executive Director for Restorative Justice Ministries Network
St. John’s Downtown - 2019 Crawford St, Houston, TX 77002 (713) 659-3237

Resources

What Shall We Do? Create a Healing Community in your own congregation and become a “Station of Hope” (Manual) Morris Fountain

Healing Communities - A Framework for Congregations in their Ministry to families affected by Incarceration (Manual)

www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/SpecialInterestAreas/FaithBasedInitiatives.aspx

Restorative Justice Ministries

Onesimus Journey - New Gate UMC - Rev Marvin Hood - marvelous272003@yahoo.com
Bridges to Life John Sage - www.bridgestolife.org
Epiphany Ministries of Texas Chuck Talbot - chuckta@msn.com
Skills for Life Inc. Jim Arnold (Toest Mestera) - email@fmr.com
Christian Restorative Justice Mentors Association Murray Bett - murray@crime.org
Path to Freedom Ministry St. John’s UMC Jonathan Chism - jthism@stjohnsdowntown.org
Bread of Life Inc. Morris Fountain - mfountain@breadoflifemc.org
Spirit Key Inc. Allen Rice - www.spiritkey.org
Restored to Christ Harold Travis - harold@clearakemethodist.org
Bus Station Ministry Beth Whittier - Kingwood UMC 281-358-6459
Alpha Houston Rob Blain - 832-265-1996
Inner Change Freedom Initiative Tommy Dorsett - 281-277-8707
Christ Church UMC, Woodlands Rev. Dan Hannon - Award for Governors Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Award
Restorative Justice Ministries Network of North America Bill Kleiber - Kleiber@sbcalglobal.net
First Contact & Welcome Back Ministry Bill Kleiber - 936-201-2156
Kairos, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch Bill Sailer - braiker@netzero.net (679)222-2202
Prison Fellowship
Angel Tree
Hospitality House Debra McCannon (Huntsville area) - www.thehospitalityhouse.org
Texas Department of Criminal Justice

TDCJ Chaplains

Chaplain Bill Pierce  Director of Chaplains  936-437-8684
Chaplain Vance Drum  Region I (Huntsville area)  936-437-1796
Chaplain Don Lacy  Region II (Tyler area)  903-928-2217
Chaplain Susan Mathis  Region III (Houston)  281-369-3736
Chaplain Tommy Lyles  Eastham Unit  936-636-7321

Parole Chaplains

Chaplain Michael Rutledge  Houston area  713-585-7100
Chaplain Jesse McClendon  Tyler area  903-581-9311

TDCJ Volunteer Services

Need a TDCJ speaker? Volunteer Services can assist you in locating an agency speaker to discuss the needs of the agency, to organize a special training and/or completing the volunteer application process.

Depending on the location of the church and what TDCJ Region it is located will depend on the person asked to speak at an event. The church may be near a specific unit in which case we will have the unit chaplain and/or warden present the needs of the facility.

Stacie Woods- Director of Volunteer Services -936.437.3027

TDCJ Volunteer Application on Line

Apply on line to be an approved TDCJ faith based volunteer by following the link below; www.tdcj.state.tx.us --> click on Volunteer with the TDCJ --> click on Volunteer Application

Reentry & Integration rdm@tdcj.state.tx.us or 1-877-887-6151

Restorative Justice Speakers

RJM Districts Representatives

Ministry/Program Directors  (see list of Ministries page 1)
TDCJ Chaplaincy / Volunteers  (see TDCJ page 2)
Returning Citizens (ex-offenders)  (see Returning Citizens list page 4)
Rev. Marvin Hood  Pastor of New Gate UMC  marinov272003@yahoo.com
Dr. Tracy Andrus  Director of Criminal Justice Institute- Wiley College- 903-923-2420
Rev. Rick Anderson  Garrison UMC
Chaplain Tommy Lyles  Eastham Unit  936-636-7321
Morris Fountain  Bread of Life  mfoote@breadoflifelinc.org
Pastor Hank Byrd  He leads Welcome Back Church or Church With a Mission on every 2nd Saturday of the month in Houston. He has a sincere heart for ex-offenders and their families. He would be an excellent speaker.
Reverend Marlon Smith  He has been working with the Inner Change Freedom Initiative at the Carol Vance Unit for the past six or seven years. He might be willing to spearhead a workshop or seminar related to re-entry resources available to ex-offenders in Houston.
Reverend Von Won  He is the pastor of Legacy Church in Houston. He is also a graduate of Rice University and a renowned gospel rapper in Houston who has a heart for doing outreach within prisons. He may be willing to perform a few rap songs if available.
Attorney Vivian King  A criminal lawyer in Houston who has a talk show that comes on in Houston every Wednesday evening called Truth and Justice. The show addresses a variety of issues related to African Americans and the Criminal Justice System in Houston. She is a member of St. John’s Downtown UMC.

Bill Kelber  Executive director for Restorative Justice Ministries Network  936-291-2156
http://www.rjminstitute.net/contact.htm