



CMCA 2021 SUMMIT WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Workshop Session #1: Friday, May 21st 11:15am - 12:15pm Central Time

Preparing for Release: The Essential Steps

Don and Cathy Allsman | The process of re-entry is extremely difficult, but prisoners and their loved ones can prepare for this major adjustment by developing three essential skills for success. This session offers practical instruction for practitioners and family members who want to help the incarcerated succeed upon release. **Don** is a member of the CMCA Advisory Board and CEO of Completion Global, a national ministry seeking innovation for the Great Commission. During his 30 years at World Impact, he held several executive roles and has authored five books used in ministry training and reentry for the incarcerated. **Cathy** is Vice President Prison Ministry Mobilization at Completion Global and served as Incarceration Ministries Specialist for World Impact from 2012-2018, having expanded The Urban Ministry Institute's leadership training program to 70 prison locations in 12 states.

Chaplaincy in a COVID-Disrupted World: Effective Ministry Amid Massive Need, Budget Cuts, Interruptions & Paperwork
Vance Drum | Prison and Jail Chaplaincy in the modern era faces unique challenges which may test our strength, our patience, our skills and our faith. The human need for ministry is great and increasing. The U.S. Constitution provides legal authority, and God provides our mandate. Our obstacles may be overcome. This workshop will point the way. **Vance**, D.Min, was the Director of Chaplaincy Operations, Texas Department of Criminal Justice and retired after 37 years in correctional chaplaincy. He is currently a Peer Ministry consultant with Global Prison Seminaries Foundation.

The Effectiveness of The Prisoner's Journey Among Prison Inmates

Sung Joon Jang and Byron Johnson | Our research examines whether involvement in the faith-based program, "The Prisoner's Journey," contributes to emotional well-being, religiosity, and rehabilitation of prisoners. It also documents how program participation is related to identity transformation, acquisition of various virtues, and the likelihood of misconduct in prison. **Sung Joon Jang**, Ph.D., is Research Professor of Criminology and Co-director of Program on Prosocial Behavior at the Institute for Studies of Religion at Baylor University. His research focuses on the effects of religion on criminal offending and desistance and prisoner rehabilitation and has appeared in various journals of criminology and criminal justice. **Byron**, Ph.D., serves as Senior Fellow at the Religious Freedom Institute and a Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences at Baylor University. He is the founding director of the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR) as well as director of the Program on Prosocial Behavior. Professor Johnson is a leading authority on the scientific study of religion, the efficacy of faith-based organizations, and criminal justice. His most recent publications have examined the impact of faith-based programs on recidivism reduction and prisoner reentry.

Youth Reentry Mentoring

Steve Lowe | This workshop builds on the evidence-based finding that re-entry planning must begin well in advance of release. Field-tested for over two decades, the MatchPoint® Mentoring Project trains mentors to begin mentoring youth in custody and continue the mentor relationship upon release in the community. Issues/concerns such as correctional departmental policy of not allowing volunteers to contact released youth, liability, and safety/security are addressed in the program design. **Steve** is the founder of Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries and has provided over 47 years of professional institutional service in California. He has supervised the Protestant Chaplaincy Ministry for the Orange County Juvenile Justice for 36 years.

Disruptive Networking: Creating a Reentry Marketplace & Collaboration Hub through a Multi-sided Online Platform

Fred Nelson | Today's reentry landscape is largely unmapped, fragmented, ineffective, inefficient, and plagued by the twin systemic evils of invisibility and isolation. This workshop will explore potential positive game-changing network effects of a multi-sided online platform as a "reentry marketplace" for returning citizens and service providers. **Fred** is a pastor, the author of the "Spiritual Survival Guide for Prison and Beyond", and the Executive Director of the Inside Out Network, an organization dedicated to connecting returning citizens to service providers and ministries, as well as service providers to each other.

The Power of Organization: What Does it Mean to Use Technology to Build Power for People?

Miea Walker | This workshop will provide a framework to help shape your campaigns and connect to your community. In this workshop you will learn: A. What makes a powerful tech person in movement building B. Examine five key areas of movement technology C. Explore organizing tools (ex digital) and learn how to use them strategically. **Meia**, MSW is a social justice advocate and a prison abolitionist whose passion is addressing the intersectionality of race, class, gender and reentry for incarcerated men and women. Miea is the Criminal Justice Manager, Policy and Advocacy Division with Forward Justice. In 2016, Miea's personal journey with the justice system was featured in Christianity Today. Most notable about Miea is her love and commitment to serving those who are marginalized and often overlooked. Her goal is to dismantle the shame and stigma by reframing the narrative.