



Calvary Church

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*"Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of
eternal life".*
John 6:68 NIV

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Dear Pastor:

A diverse group of senior pastors have been meeting together monthly at Urban Alliance to build deeper ministry relationships and consider ways to have a greater impact in our community. Through this process, we have identified a ministry opportunity to engage in the prison re-entry process being upgraded by our state and local government.

We have a small group praying about and beginning to formulate a proposed plan. There is a lot of work ahead and we need more people on our team. On behalf of our team, can you please canvas your churches to find some people that are concerned and willing to help formulate and implement our plan?

The soft-shell skeleton plan we have developed is:

- Designate approved re-entry-friendly churches in the area for previously -incarcerated individuals to attend. Each of these churches will have:
 - ◊ At least one person who is familiar with government and agency assistance for persons who committed crimes to obtain their basic needs.
 - ◊ Have discipleship processes in place (Celebrate Recovery or equivalent, small groups, and/or one-on-one mentoring)
 - ◊ Safety policies and procedures in place to welcome persons who have committed crimes that are sexual or violent in nature.
 - ◊ At least one person trained in interfacing with this population
- Focus Phase I efforts on helping professing Christians who are trying to follow Christ
- Develop Phase II plans on developing efforts to evangelize this population
- Coordinate with in-prison Christian services
- Survey services provided to determine gaps in government and agency assistance available, access churches' capability to respond, and then develop our plan to do so. *Note: we are not trying to replicate what is already out there.*
- Through area churches, identify Christian employers or hiring managers who will be re-entry friendly, especially for previously-incarcerated individuals.

The Sheep and Goat Judgment in Matthew 25 should motivate our concern for this population of men and women. Will you help this effort by supplying some highly motivated people from your churches? Do you have any individuals who have successfully reintegrated and would like to be involved? Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Please contact me with questions or names of interested people at 860-986-4643 (c) or pastor-frank@calvaryct.org.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Termine", written in black ink.

Pastor Frank Termine
On behalf of Prison-Reentry Team