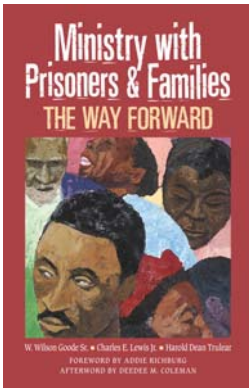


Responding the Incarceration Crisis in the Black Community



Valley Forge, PA – African Americans make up only 12% of the U.S. population overall, but comprise 44% of those behind bars, giving them the distinction of having the nation’s highest incarceration rate. The impact of incarceration and prisoner reentry on the black community along with means of response is addressed in the new Judson Press resource *Ministry with Prisoners & Families: The Way Forward*.

Beginning with a thorough introduction to this critical topic, nationally recognized experts W. Wilson Goode Sr., Charles E. Lewis Jr., and Harold Dean Trulear are joined by an impressive list of contributors to speak to:

- Specific issues within the general framework of ministry to persons affected by incarceration
- The role of social and mental health services in ministry
- Prisoner reentry and reintegration
- Issues concerning the institution of the jail or prison itself and the nature of the local church’s involvement there through chaplaincy programs
- A shift in congregational culture as a prerequisite for meaningful ministry to the incarcerated, returning citizens, and their families
- The role of public policy and advocacy in ministry

Addie L. Richburg, president and CEO of the National Alliance of Faith and Justice wrote the foreword for *Ministry with Prisoners & Families* and noted: “Each author in this volume captured the concerns of the past decade with vivid accuracy... The book creates a call and response of voices, and each contributor speaks from the passion of authority rooted in personal and credentialed experience.” And Carmen Warner-Robbins, CEO and founder of Welcome Home Ministries wrote, “This book provides a realistic, practical approach to addressing the problem of incarceration that will restore lives, reunite families, and rebuild communities.”

Contributors to *Ministry with Prisoners & Families* include:

- Elwood Gray – founder and president, National Coalition of Prison Ministries
- Deborah Jackson-Meyers – founder and executive director, Breaking the Chain Foundation
- Madeline McClenney-Sadler - president and founder of Exodus Foundation.org
- Keith Reeves – associate professor and faculty director , Center for Social and Policy Studies, Swarthmore College
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