

Prison Reform, Prison Transition Programs, Volunteer Opportunities:

GET INVOLVED IN GOD'S WORK IN THESE PROGRAMS!

Congressional Rep and Social Justice leader John L Lewis said: *See something, Say something, DO Something!*

We see many in our church (and without) getting involved in Global/Local OUTreach:
BE that ONE MORE person working/doing!

The two MOST helpful and necessary programs with men and women still in prison are **VISITORS and SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS.**

If you **know anyone in prison**, please submit your application to be cleared to visit that person: VISITS ARE TREASURED!

VOLUNTEER to work in programs that meet **inside or outside** the walls.

Become a SPONSOR at CCCL to offer prisoners in the transition phase a chance to get out on pass, to get a driver's license, a birth certificate, some clothes, or simply a meal outside the walls – and fellowship –

To find out the details, call **CCCL at 402-471-0740** and ask for Kerry Pavel

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Programs/resources for Prison transition/reform at 1st Covenant:

First Covenant Lincoln: the GLO ministry (contact Kurt Piepenbrink KurtHPiepenbrink@gmail.com) or Rex Walton (walton1947@gmail.com)

First Covenant Church, outside Lincoln: at the national website for 1st Covenant: **LOVE MERCY DO JUSTICE:** <https://covchurch.org/what-we-do/mercy-justice/>

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Programs for transition at Lincoln Churches:

OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN:

FEAST is a prison ministry program at Our Saviour's Lutheran, 40th & Mohawk, in which people who are incarcerated are given faith-based support as they reintegrate into society.

Volunteers at Our Saviour's include **1)** sponsors who travel with or help transport partners to and from worship and offer oversight of the partners during their time at OSLC; **2)** small groups from OSLC and local congregations who provide lunch for the partners and their families each Sunday; and/or **3)** individuals who lead classes and workshops after lunch, assisting partners in life-skill development, leading Bible studies, and leading music and fellowship. For more info, please contact Alissa Gunning at 402-483-4126.

NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH:

<https://www.northernlighthouse.net/>

Lighthouse has programs for currently incarcerated (from CCCL), formerly incarcerated, those struggling in the community, and a Charity Auto Repair, staffed with some CCCL prisoners. Call Jon at 402 477 3550.

LINCOLN CHURCH OF CHRIST – 56TH and Vine: Joe Stallard, and Bill and Colleen Hance run this ministry at the church. <https://christianchronicle.org/the-church-on-death-row/>

F STREET NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH - 1302 F ST pastor Jeff Heerspink.. the church was founded in 2015 as a plant from Northern Lighthouse - <https://www.thebanner.org/together/2015/03/a-new-church-in-the-neighborhood>

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Joint programs:

GOOD NEWS PRISON MINISTRY

the local Good News chaplaincy in Lancaster County Corrections is a frontline ministry in Lincoln, NE. It ministers to the spiritual needs of some of the most troubled and troublesome individuals in Lancaster County --precisely at their time of greatest need and crisis-- and also of the staff who secure them.

Followers of Christ Prison Ministry of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA is the voice & heart of Jesus, making the presence & love of God known in Nebraska Dept. of Correctional Services facilities, freeing people to live the life God made them for.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY:

As many as 800 students pass through the [Lancaster Youth Services Center](#) each year. In 2010, 65% of those students returned to a school in which we already have an established Campus Life program. In 2011, the Youth for Christ Lincoln Area board and staff began to explore a ministry that enters the YSC facility to engage these teens in positive, life-changing relationships. We currently have a chaplain who visits the detention center every week day and -- with the help of volunteers -- runs Campus Life clubs for each pod as well as facilitates Bible studies throughout the week and weekend.

Our hope is to meet these students in a time of significant need and develop a long-term relationship with them when they return to school.

https://www.yfclincoln.org/ministries/juvenile_justice

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IF YOU FIND ANY OTHERS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

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Agencies helping resettlement after Prison:

RAN: Re-Entry Alliance Nebraska:

is a functioning public partnership that helps taxpayers save money, and helps many men and women make successful transitions back into the community following incarceration.

RAN is associated with : <http://re-entrynebraska.org/agencies/>

Bridges to Hope, Located at 3107 S 6th st

Bridges to Hope seeks to accompany former offenders while they are moving out of the correctional institutions and into the community.

Bridges to Hope is a non-profit agency that assists individuals as they make the difficult transition from the Lincoln Community Corrections Center back into a productive life in the community. We provide men and women with **clothes** that help them find jobs and **household items** to help them get established.

Read more about the Bridges to Hope Agency website, [here](#).

RISE : Currently, only held in-prison in Nebraska – at several state facilities -

RISE serves in 7 Nebraska prisons:

- Omaha Correctional Center (Omaha)
- Nebraska State Penitentiary (Lincoln)
- Nebraska Correctional Center for Women (York)
- Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (Tecumseh)
- Lincoln Correctional Center (Lincoln)
- Community Correctional Center, Lincoln
- Community Correctional Center, Omaha

RISE's innovative 6-month program focuses on character development, job readiness and entrepreneurship. Program graduates receive a RISE completion certificate and a Certificate in Career Readiness from the University of Nebraska Omaha's School of Business Administration.

Website: <https://www.seeusrise.org/> phone # 402 999 8063

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Thrift Stores working to benefit Prison Ministries:

Transformations Thrift Store: 1241 S 14th

Buds' Thrift Store: 2226 O St

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Resources: re entry:

Re-Entry Programs

About **one third of Nebraskans** released from prison end up back inside within **three** years.

Instead of building a new prison, let's give the people who **GET out** the support to **STAY out**. People leaving prison need:

- Safe halfway houses and landlords who rent to returned citizens
- Job hunting assistance and employment opportunities
- Continuing vocational and academic education
- Access to physical, mental, and behavioral health services
- Community and peer support and civic engagement
- Access to financial services, like banks
- Supportive, structured probation and parole without "gotcha" enforcement or unaffordable fees.

Invest in returning people, not a concrete box. Tell your state senator **NO NEW PRISON!**

(Resources)

ACLU Nebraska: <https://www.aclunebraska.org/en/stop-new-prison-plan>

Lincoln *Journal-Star* AP: https://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/crime-and-courts/as-other-states-close-prisons-nebraska-may-build-a-big-one/article_987b156e-98f1-5078-836b-c0b7f7bea42a.html

Marc Mauer and Sabrina Jones, *Race to Incarcerate: A Graphic Retelling*, 2013, or <https://www.ebooks.com/en-us/book/96489987/race-to-incarcerate/marc-mauer/>

Danielle Sered, *Until We Reckon: Mass Incarceration, Violence & the Radical Possibilities of Restorative Justice*, 2019, or see <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1lInIMVr5QM>

Christine Montross, *Waiting for an Echo: The Madness of American Incarceration*, 2020, or see <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=i7AHUWBu1aM>

Reuben Jonathan Miller, *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*, 2021 or see <https://www.npr.org/2021/03/24/980671402/out-of-prison-but-still-trapped-examining-the-afterlife-of-incarceration>

<https://www.crimeinamerica.net/offender-recidivism-and-reentry-in-the-united-states/>
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/recidivism-rates-by-state>
<https://www.corrections.nebraska.gov/about/rehabilitation/reentry-services>
<https://www.charleskochinstitute.org/issue-areas/criminal-justice-policing-reform/reentry-programs/>

Find your Nebraska State Senator here:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_find.php