



Justice...heals



Jail and Outreach Ministry

- Information and Mission of JOM
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- Restorative Justice & Criminal Justice
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Locations- Jail & Outreach Ministry

Oakland County Jail

1201 N Telegraph Road

Building 10 East

Pontiac MI 48341

1-248-858-5475 Office in Jail

JOM Outreach Center

46352 Woodward Ave

P O Box 1366

Pontiac MI 48343-1366

1-248-338-9310 Office at JOM Outreach



Jail and Outreach Ministry

JOM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Peggy Devaney, I.H.M-President
- Martha Limbaugh-Jail Co-Chaplain
- Doug Zande - Treasurer
- Barbara Lubinski-Secretary

Erika McNamara-Attorney



Mission Statement

Jail and Outreach Ministry is all inclusive

- We serve those persons affected by crime
- Victims, offenders, families
through direct service, education, and advocacy



Mission Statement

We provide hope and healing, through an approach that encompasses:

- Quality care
- Attention to individual spirituality
- Emotional well-being
- Human dignity



JOM

- Non-Profit Organization
- Serves the Oakland County Jail
- 501(c)(3) Tax Status
 - Donations
 - Grants

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Board of Directors (JOM)

- The Board of Directors is the governing body
- The board consists of 3 to 15 members

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Crime Affects

Persons affected by crime:

- Immediate victim(s)
- Victim(s) families
- Inmate(s) families
- Local community
- Community at large



Statistics

- Oakland County Jail incarcerates 1, 594
- Number on an average day: 1,594
- Average admissions per year: 21,866



Statistics

- 40% incarcerated are high school dropouts
- 1 in 4 are indigent
- Inmates released with bus ticket and 25¢ from the Chaplain's Office resources



Statistics

- 85% are Male prisoners
- 15% are Female prisoners
- 58% are Caucasian-42% Non-Caucasian



Examples of Faith Group Support

- 48 Catholic Churches involved in JOM
- 32 Protestant Churches involved in JOM
- 280 Protestant Volunteers
- Jewish, Muslim and other Faiths.



Catholic Church Involvement

- Approximately 100 volunteers
 - Work in the office
 - Visit inmates
 - Conduct prayer and liturgy
 - Help with pre-release and Outreach



Support of Various Faith Groups

- Seasonal Projects include many volunteers
 - Summer Camp
 - Back to School
 - Thanksgiving
 - Christmas
 - Easter



Some Catholic Church Groups

- Knights of Columbus & Knights of Malta
- Christian Service & Justice and Peace
- Ladies of Charity & Council of Catholic Women
- Seminarians / Lay Ministers / Diaconates / Interns from Seminaries and Retreat Centers- eg., Manresa, Visitation North, SS. Cyril & Methodius, Sacred Heart Seminary, etc.



Jewish Faith

- 4 Rabbis volunteer
 - Two come regularly
- Others are on call



Islam

- One Imam serves the Muslim Inmates
- Three volunteers visit the inmates regularly
- Local faith group representatives requested by inmates are encouraged by the office to respond to inmate requests.



Various Faith Groups

- Christian Scientist
- Hindu
- Buddhist
- Moorish Science Temple of America
- Chaldean Eastern Rite



Various Faith Groups

- Jehovah Witness
- 3 volunteers
 - Two regular to the jail



Various Languages

- Services are provided to those speaking:
 - English
 - Spanish
 - Arabic
 - Vietnamese
 - Chinese
 - Certain Indian dialects



Basic Information and Referral

- United Way (211)
- 1-800-A-Shelter
- Through the JOM Outreach Center,
1-248-338-9310
we share information and referral to
various faith groups, agencies, and
resources related to needs of the person.



What supports are needed?

- Those already existing
- Those required to span the gap
- If we know that 25% are indigent and only have a bus ticket and a transfer
 - Basic human requirements are immense



What's needed?

- Crisis Response-Basics needs
 - Identification
 - Clothes
 - Food
 - Shelter...



What's Needed?

- Crisis Response-Basics needs
 - Employment
 - Transportation
 - Reconciliatory Relationships
 - Apostolic/Spiritual Counselors



What's Next?

- Mentors
- Legal Services
- Medical Services
- Psychiatric Services
- Support Groups
- Addiction
- Community Outreach to Victims



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- **Current Justice System is Societal Dimension and Public Interests**
 - What laws have been broken?
 - Who did it?
 - What do they deserve for punishment?



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Restorative Justice provides balance of public and private interests

- Who has been hurt?
- What do they require?
- Whose responsibilities and obligations?



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Restorative Justice provides balance of public and private interests

- How may we find a solution?
- Offenders must be accountable
- Healing harms that contributed to offending behavior



Social Teaching

- Matthew 25
 - “For I was...in prison and you visited me”



Social Teaching

- Human Life and Dignity
 - Every human being is made in the image of God
 - It is not something that is earned



Social Teaching

- Recognition Human Dignity applies to
 - Victim
 - Offender
 - Society



Social Teaching

- Protection of Society
 - Essential moral value

- Reject Simple Solutions
 - Lock up and throw away the key



Social Teaching

- Offer Victims opportunity
 - Break the pattern of abuse
- Promote crime prevention and poverty reduction
 - Poverty, discrimination, racism, education



Social Teaching

- Challenge Violence
 - TV shows, video games, firearms
- Encourage Restorative Justice Programs
 - Focus is on the victim and the community



Social Teaching

- Insist punishment is constructive
 - Offenders return to community
- Commit to confront mental illness and addiction
 - Major reason why offenders are in incarcerated



Social Teaching

- Teach right from wrong
- Stand with victims and families
- Reach out to offenders and families
- Build community
- Advocate for policy
- Work for new approaches



Issues

- Current efforts for legislation
 - Charitable tax exemptions
 - Welfare Benefits
 - Felon Lifetime ban