Resources for Chaplains

The following is a list of resources for chaplains and others interested in Christian prison ministry. This is not an exhaustive list. Many of the resources listed are free of charge. An entry in this list does not necessarily mean an endorsement of that ministry or program.

Continuing Education Resources for the Chaplain:

The Wayne E. Oates Institute: [http://www.oates.org/] – 72 hour ***Pastoral Care Specialist Certificate*** program offers training in basic pastoral care, crisis intervention, grief and loss, etc. This program meets the training requirements for a Pastoral Care Specialist membership in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. The Oates Institute also offers a number of ongoing training seminars pertinent to pastoral care and chaplaincy. Great for meeting continuing education requirements.

The Hospice College of America: [http://www.hospicecollege.org/] – The HCA offers 12 affordable ($50) ***home study courses on grief and bereavement counseling***. The Hospice Foundation of America [http://www.hospicefoundation.org/], which is HCA's parent organization, offers "**Clergy to Clergy**" a 6-CD grief & loss training course for $20.

National Association for Children of Alcoholics: Clergy Certificate Program: "***Certificate in Spiritual Caregiving to Help Addicted Persons and Families***."
[http://www.nacoa.net/clergy.htm] This course provides basic knowledge about addiction, strategies to help families and children, and information about community resources and mutual support groups. An online component, if selected, meets ½ of the reading requirements. There are no residency requirements; the program can be completed in your area. The online component is $30; the certificate charge is $90. There are no textbooks to purchase; all of the reading can be freely downloaded. This is a joint project of NACoA (the National Association for Children of Alcoholics), and NAADAC (the Association for Addiction Professionals).

Counselor & Clergy Resource Center: In 2003, SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 12) and NACoA developed 12 Core Competencies for clergy and other pastoral caregivers. [http://www.counselorandclergy.com/index.php] ***Studies in the Twelve Core Competencies*** **-** a self-guided learning course that focuses on the skills needed in providing ministry to persons and families living with a substance misuse problem or addiction. This course costs around $50 and will help meet the training requirements for the NACoA certification. Download SAMHSA's report on the 12 Core Competencies here [http://www.nacoa.net/pdfs/clergyreport04.pdf].

The Biblical Training Institute: [http://www.biblicaltraining.org/index.php] **-** Dr. Bill Mounce and a well-known group of evangelical seminary professors offer ***free online courses*** for new believers, serious Bible students and those in leadership. These are edited audio files of actual class lectures on both the college and seminary level. You may want to take World Religions first. Registration is free.

Free Seminary: Ministry Today's list of free and low cost seminary and college level courses. For instance, Brian Chapell's Christ Centered Preaching course is available to download at Covenant Seminary. [http://www.ministrytodaymag.com/tools/2006/10/seminary-for-free.html]

Electronic Library Materials: The E4 Group offers free bible and reference materials software (you do have to cover the shipping cost).

Pastoral Care Resources:

National Prison Hospice Association: [http://www.npha.org/index.html] – "When Grief Enters Your Life: A Grief Pamphlet for People in Prisons or Jails," is a free resource for bereavement ministry. Also read Phyllis Taylor's article on grief in jails and prisons: "Healing after Loss: Bereavement Help For The Correctional Community."

New York State Office of Mental Health: "Grief Counseling Resource Guide: A Field Manual" This grief counseling manual has been developed as a guide for those who encounter individuals reacting to trauma related grief reactions in the course of their outreach work. Download a copy of the 24 page manual in pdf format here: [http://www.omh.state.ny.us/omhweb/grief/]. Excellent resource.

The Mental Health Chaplaincy: [http://www.mentalhealthchaplain.org/index.htm] - Chaplain Craig Rennebohm is a street chaplain in Seattle who works with the homeless and also serves in a mental heath unit. I have learned much from his writings; correctional chaplains minister to the same population (…*the jail is the new mental hospital*). You won't agree with everything he writes; I don't. But his work on companioning (The Way of Companionship) and engaging difficult people (ROEM = Relational Outreach and Engagement Model) are very informative and adaptive to correctional chaplaincy.

Help Guide: [http://www.helpguide.org/index.htm] – Help Guide is a non-profit internet resource site that provides non-commercial information on life issues: mental and physical health, relationships, families, etc. Very useful for ministry.

American Association of Pastoral Counselors: Internet Resources Page - [http://www.aapc.org/resources.cfm] Links to web resources for pastoral care.

Web of Addictions: [http://www.well.com/user/woa/] Dedicated to providing accurate information about alcohol and other drug addictions, this site is a great resource for those who need factual information about abused drugs.

Bibles: *"…you do not have because you do not ask" James 4:2*

World Missionary Press: [http://www.wmpress.org/index.shtml] - World Missionary Press is an interdenominational faith ministry that produces 48-page topical Scripture booklets and Bible study booklets in many languages. They will send 10-lb boxes of their booklets to your jail or prison w/o charge. However, they work by faith and if you can donate something they would be

blessed. Their "Joy" series Bible studies are very well done, and fit well into a Bible. Their 'Scripture Date Books" are hot items, with a devotional Scripture for every day of the year. (*Contact WMP soon for Datebooks, they're shipping for 2008.*)

Kenneth Copeland Ministries: KCM will supply their KCM New King James Version Prison Bible (*large print* soft cover) to jail and prison chaplains. Be advised that page 132 in the study note section contains erroneous *Word of Faith Christology*, i.e. "*Satan conquered Jesus on the cross and took His Spirit to the dark regions of hell. (Jesus) …was raised to a new life …born into the new covenant in the pit of death*" Contact their prison ministry department by email to order [kcmprisonmin@kcm.org].

The Gideon's: Don't forget to contact your local camp of Gideon's and ask for a supply of their soft cover Bibles. If you were unaware, the Gideon's publish a complete soft cover Bible in the King James and New King James versions. If you don't know any local Gideon's, email the national office and ask for help [tgi@gideons.org]. They'll point you in the right direction or have a local Gideon contact you.

American Bible Society: Free Bibles for Correctional Chaplains. ABS does not send Bibles directly to inmates. Available versions include English: KJV, NKJV, Contemporary English Version, Good News Translation, Catholic Version.
Spanish: Version Popular & Version Reina-Valera 1960.
1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023-7505
212-408-1310
http://www.americanbible.org/
caring@americanbible.org

International Bible Society: Prison and Jail Scripture Grant Program: A "Free on the Inside Bible" is sent to inmates upon inmate request. Version choices are Large Print (NiRV-simplified NIV), Regular Print NiRV or NKJ, & Spanish NIV.
1820 Jet Stream Drive
Colorado Springs, CO
80921-3696
http://www.ibs.org/

International Prison Ministries: An inmate can request a Bible or other Christian literature by writing to:
International Prison Ministries
P.O Box 2868
Costa Mesa, CA
92628-2868
1-800-527-1212
http://www.chaplainray.com

Bible Studies:

Turning Point Jail & Prison Ministry – Turning Point will give the inmate a leather Bible after completing a specified number of courses.
P.O. Box 2430
Cleveland, TN 37320-2430

Life's Key – Life s Key permits inmates to continue the studies after release.
P.O. Box 10
Bethel Park, PA 15102-9989

Crossroad Bible Institute – Crossroad Bible Institute comes alongside chaplains and others who minister in prisons by providing them with materials to present to inmates. Because our Bible study program is through correspondence, CBI is able to provide in-depth, long-term discipleship for inmates, regardless of whether they are transferred or released.
Lael Griess
The Center for Advanced Studies at Crossroad Bible Institute
P.O. Box 900
Grand Rapids, MI 49509
(616) 530-1300

Global University – Global offers college level courses written specifically for inmates by an Assembly of God Chaplain Missionary. Chaplains may be able to get Light for the lost funding for these courses.
Chaplain Robert Durham
Global University Prison Ministry
1211 South Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804
417-860-3024
800-443-1083
www.berean.edu

Mount Zion Bible Institute – offers free courses for inmates
2603 W. Wright St.
Pensacola, FL 32505
850-438-1037
www.mountzion.org
school@mountzion.org

American Bible Academy: "A.B.A. is dedicated to providing high quality, advanced Bible correspondence courses to the incarcerated, at no cost, through Their inmate Scholarship Program. All course material is written by respected Bible College Professors or leading Christian Educators. Professionally typeset, printed and bound courses have been specifically written for use in A.B.A.'s correspondence program." Inmates may pre-enroll and request free courses by submitting this enrollment form or by writing to:
American Bible Academy

P. O. Box 1490
Joplin, MO 64802-1490
http://www.arm.org/

Christ Trust Ministries: Christ Truth Ministries is committed to bringing the way of salvation, and to further prisoners' growth in the Word of God with Bibles, Bible studies and other spiritual helps. Christ gave his life so all should not perish, but have everlasting life. It provides free Bible correspondence studies to inmates as well as used Christian literature to chaplains.
1233 W. 9th Ave.
Upland, CA 91786

Emmaus Correspondence School: Offers free Bible correspondence courses to inmates.
P. O. Box 1028
Dubuque, IA 52004-1028
http://www.emmaus.name/

Exodus Prison Ministry: Bible correspondence courses and Christian reading material provided free of charge to inmates. Inmates who enroll and do not have a Bible are provided one by Exodus.
P. O. Box 6363
Lubbock, TX 79493-6363
1-806-791-3673
http://www.exodusprisonministry.org/

Gospel Echoes Team: Discipleship and Bible correspondence materials for inmates; personalized award Bibles.
P. O. Box 555
Goshen, IN 46527-555
http://www.gospelechoes.com/

IPM Discovering God Bible Study Series: Discovering God, Walking with God, Putting God First, and Sharing God with Others
IPM
500 College Ave
Wheaton, IL 60187

Lamp & Light Publications, Inc.: Provides free Bible correspondence studies free of charge in French, English and Spanish.
26 Road 5517
Farmington, NM 87401
505-632-3521

Little Lambs, Inc.: Discipleship and Bible studies; leather study Bible awarded upon completion; available in Spanish.
710 S. Eucalyptus St.

Sebring, FL 33870
http://www.littlelambsinc.org/

Set Free Prison Ministries, Inc.: Over 40 difference courses offered free of charge to inmates.
P. O. Box 5440
Riverside, CA 92517-9961
http://www.spiritualfreedom-setfree.org

Source of Light Schools: Provides Bible/discipleship courses to approved churches, ministries or individuals for distribution to inmates.
1011 Mission Road
Madison, GA 30650
706-342-0397
http://www.sourcelight.org

Books and Booklets and Videos:

Dr. James P. Gill, M.D.: Gives excellent Christian books that he has authored to Chaplains for distribution among inmates. There are at least 15 different titles.
St. Luke's cataract and Laser Institute
P.O. Box 5000
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688-5000
727-938-2020, Ext. 2200
800-282-9905, Ext. 2200
Fax: 727-372-3605

Impact for Life Ministries: offers free libraries and other materials. Some you need to pay for the shipping. Contact Information: George J. Arnold, National Director, Kids Crossing and The Library of Hope. 719-290-1749 (cell). 719-632-3880 (National Office). Impact for Life Ministries, 1107 Garden of the gods Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907, www.impactlife.org

Pure Life Ministries: (Steve Gallagher, Director) – excellent materials on sexual addiction free to prison chaplains. www.purelifeministries.org

Bible Foundation: (Jerry Kingery, President) Scripture readings booklets free to chaplains.
P.O.Box 908
Newberg, Oregon 97132-0908
503-538-4897
www.bf.org

Scripture Union: [http://scriptureunion.gospelcom.net/] – Scripture Union has excellent Bible reading resources available at reduced rates for chaplains, sometimes providing grants when resources are available. I place one of their "Essential 100" tri-folds in every Bible I distribute. It's a plan to read the 100 essential passages of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation; it gives the big picture. The inmates at our jail all use it and check off the readings as they go. SU also

publishes 2 quarterly Bible reading devotionals: “Discovery” and “Encounter With God.” These are also available bulk at a reduced rate, sometimes free.

Personal Promise Bible: Personal Promise Bible in places the individuals name in each promise from God. They offer a booklet titled Identity in Christ for free. This is a sample of what can be had in their Bible. The free booklet can be downloaded at www.PersonalPromiseBible.com.

Children’s Bible Society: They send children of inmates and military personnel a Bible coloring book and other similar materials for free. For more information visit:
www.childrensbiblesociety.org
Layne & Kristy Livingston
P.O.Box 96
Hemet, CA 92546
951-652-9456
actsmin@verizon.net

All About Jesus Ministries: This is the ministry of Mark and Gloria Chapman, the man that killed John Lennon. He has written his testimony and another fictional story titled: The Prisoner’s letter about a man that meets Jesus in a prison cell the night before the crucifixion. They send these tracts free of charge and postage paid to those in prison ministry. All you need to send them is a request with your name and address and the quantity desired of each tract. They expect to have these translated into Spanish soon.
All About Jesus Ministries
P.O. Box 932
Kailua, HI 96734
aajm@hawaiantel.net

Christian Video for Prisons: Nonprofit, nondenominational, evangelical ministry designed to help chaplains, prison ministries and wardens evangelize and disciple prisoners through showings of carefully selected, high-quality Christian videos (mainly in English and Spanish). Their mission is to provide assistance to financially-needy prison chaplains who need to use these important materials but lack funds. For those who can afford to pay something, they offer special prison discounts. For those who have no money to work with, they provide videos free (as the Lord supplies funds).
1-800-332-2261
http://christiananswers.net/prisons
P.O. box 200
Gilbert, AZ 85299

Library of Hope: Produces a library for youth facilities and adult prisons. Each library contains about 100 Christian books, Bibles, CDs, DVD's, and videos. About 120 of these libraries are sent to prisons each month. Chaplains are encouraged to give the resources away, so that prisoners can study them, share them with others, and even send them home to their families.
1-719-632-3880
http://www.libraryofhope.org/
info@libraryofhope.org

1107 Garden of the Gods Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

RBC Ministries: Offers the daily devotional Our Daily Bread and other discipleship booklets such as the Discovery Series, 10 Reasons to Believe, and Answers to Tough Questions that can be given to inmates.
http://www.rbc.org/

Correspondence Courses for College Credit

Global University Prison Ministry
1211 South Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804
800-443-1083
www.berean.edu

Moody Bible Institute
Center for External Studies
820 North LaSalle Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60610
800-356-6639
www.moody.edu

Northwestern College
Center for Distance Learning
3003 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55113-1598
651-631-5100
http://www.nwc.edu

Southeastern Bible College
2001 Highway 280 East
Birmingham, AL 35243
800-749-8878
www.sebc.edu

Pen Pals

Shepherding Our Sisters (S.O.S.) Ministries (Female Prisoners only)
P.O. Box 302
Northbridge, MA 01534
(508) 254-6239
www.sosministries.info

Educational Resources for Incarcerated Students

College Guild
P. O. Box 6448
Brunswick, ME 04011
Free, but non-accredited correspondence courses

Distance Education & Training Council
1601 18th St. NW
Washington, DC 20009
202-234-5100

Citizens United for Rehabilitation Of Errants (CURE)
P.O. Box 2310
Washington, DC 20013
202-789-2126
Send a self-addressed stamped envelope for a copy of "Piecing Together a College Education Behind Bars"

Child Welfare League of America
440 First Street NW, Third Floor
Washington, DC 20001-2085
202-638-2952

American Council on Education
One Dupont Circle NW
Washington, DC 20036-1193
202-939-9300

Boston University Metropolitan College
755 Commonwealth Ave. Room B5
Boston, MA 02215
617-353-6000

Chippewa Valley Technical College
620 W. Clairmont Ave.
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-83-6200

College Board-CLEP Exams
45 Columbus Ave.
New York, NY 10023

Community College of Allegheny County
808 Ridge Ave. Jones Hall Rm. 107

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

General Education Testing Service
One Dupont Circle, NW
Washington DC, 20036 202-939-9300

Prison Book Program
110 Arlington St.
Boston, MA 02116
617-423-3298

"Prisoners' Guerrilla Handbook to Correspondence Programs in the United States & Canada" by Jon Marc Taylor, Published by Biddle Publishing
P. O. Box 1305
Brunswick, ME 04011
Also available on Amazon.com

Ohio University College Program for the Incarcerated
Haning Hall 222
Ohio University
Athens, OH 45701
1-800-444-2910
cpi@ohiou.edu

Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146
515-281-5294

Northampton Community College Distance Learning
407 College Center
3835 Green Pond Rd.
Bethlehem, PA 18020
610-861-4160
distancelearning@northampton.edu

University of Mississippi Outreach and Continuing Education
Ole Miss Online
The University of Mississippi
P.O. Box 729
University, MS 38677-0729

eTech College of Wisconsin
One Foundation Circle
Waunakee, WI 53597
1-866-383-2494

info@etechcollege.org