

Addressing the Incarceration Epidemic

Saving Lives. Money. Our Community

Mass incarceration is draining energy and driving exorbitant financial and social costs throughout our community, state and country. There are, however, various policies and programs that have proven to influence effective positive changes.

Addressing the Incarceration Epidemic is designed to explore these realities.

Join Us!

Woodside Church will be hosting this important community conference with the support of Motherly Intercession, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Flint and Greater Galilee Baptist Church:

Saturday, October 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This will be a day of presentations and discussions designed to help us understand the issue and explore the solutions

- Conference Speaker: La Ron Williams, Nationally acclaimed storyteller and social activist who grew up in Flint, graduating from Southwestern High School
- Action Expo: Displays with representatives from organizations throughout Genesee County and Michigan that are focused on all aspects of the Incarceration Epidemic
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided

Admission is free. Reservations, however, are required to help us be prepared to host the event effectively and efficiently. Attendance will be limited. Please call 810.265.7052 for more information and to make your reservation, including childcare arrangements.

Take Action Today!

You don't have to wait until October to learn more and start brainstorming ideas to help our community. Start now!

“Now and then a book comes along that might in time touch the public and educate social commentators, policymakers, and politicians about a glaring wrong that we have been living with that we also somehow don't know how to face. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander is such a work ...”

– The New York Review of Books, March 2011

Understand the Issue: *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander is the foundation for this event. Read it before the event—recommended it to your book club or adult study groups at church.

Visit newjimcrow.com for more information and additional resources related to the book. The Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Spending (CAPPS) is also an excellent resource: capps-mi.org

The UU Congregation of Flint will offer dinner and the film, *The House I Live In* on Friday, October 25. It is a great resource. This film is also available on DVD and on-demand via your PBS station/website.

Promote the Event: Together, we can make a difference. Use this flyer to get the word out. Go to woodsidechurch.net for access to the file. Print to send or email it to your family, friends and neighbors. With open minds and caring hearts we can find solutions that will save lives, scarce resources and our community!

THANK YOU ► See you in October!