

Who Should Attend

- Leaders of churches, synagogues and mosques
- Religious educators
- Students in social justice curriculums
- Attorneys involved in the criminal justice system
- Those interested in establishing programs for at-risk young adults
- Those interested in establishing prisoner assistance programs
- Those interested in establishing released prisoner assistance programs

Conference Committee

Bill Wakefield, Conference Convener

Nassau Presbyterian Church

Samuel Bonner

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Jan Everett

The Presbyterian Church of

Lawrenceville

Barbara Flythe

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian

Church

Karen Hernandez-Granzen

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Lukata Mjumbe

Urban Mission Cabinet

Ted Settle

Presbyterian Church of Bound Brook

Jonathan Shenk

Nassau Presbyterian Church

About the Mission Coordination and Social Witness Committee of the Presbytery of New Brunswick

The Committee bears witness to God's commandment "go into all the world", signifying God's love, peace, justice and love to one and all.

Among other things, the Mission Coordination and Social Witness Committee seeks to: educate our congregations to support the entire mission of the PCUSA, providing resources and information about current mission policies; promote social righteousness by educating and focusing the attention of our congregations on several important emerging issues each year; encourage and assist our congregations in networking to accomplish their goals of mission/witness.

PRE-REGISTRATION is not required but is preferred. If you plan to attend, please go to www.presnb.org and click on the link to the Mass Incarceration event. A \$10 fee to offset conference expenses will be collected at the door. Box lunch provided. If you have questions, please contact the Presbytery office: 609-882-9521 or iblackpnb@gmail.com

Directions to The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville:

The church is located at 2688 Main Street (Route 206) next to the Lawrenceville School in the center of Lawrenceville. There is ample parking at the church, which can be entered from the entrance driveway on the right as you face the church.

Mass Incarceration Moral Outrage: Faith Community Response

*A One-day Conference
Sponsored by the Mission
Coordination & Social
Witness Committee of the
Presbytery of New
Brunswick*



**Saturday November 21, 2015
8:15am – 3:30pm**

Hosted by the Presbyterian
Church of Lawrenceville
2688 Main Street (Rte 206)
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

"Nothing short of a major social movement has any hope of ending mass incarceration in America"

Michelle Alexander

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in an Age of Colorblindness

Some Facts

- The U.S. has less than 5% of the world's population, but has 25% of the world's prisoners.
- The prison population in the U.S. has soared rapidly from 300,000 to more than 2.2 million in the past 30 years
- Of the current prison population, 60% are in prison for a non-violent crime.
- 70% of men in prison are Black or Brown.
- An African-American male born in 2001 has a 1 in 3 chance of going to prison; a Hispanic male has a 1 in 6 chance; a White male 1 in 17.
- In New Jersey, 77% of the people in prison are either African-American or Hispanic
- The State of New Jersey spends 2.6 times as much money per incarcerated juvenile as per public school student

AGENDA

8:15 – 9:00

REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9:00 – 9:30

WELCOME

Ted Settle and Bill Wakefield
For the Mission Coordination and Social Witness Committee

INVOCATION

Rev. Joseph Ravenell
Samaritan Baptist Church

**OPENING CHALLENGE:
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A
METAPHOR**

Lukata Mjumba
Urban Mission Cabinet, Inc.

9:30 – 10:15

**LEGAL ISSUES AND
GOVERNMENT POLICY**

Alex Shalom
ACLU - NJ

10:15 - 10:30

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30 – 11:15

**INCARCERATION:
LIFE BEHIND BARS**

Walter Fortson
Petey Greene Program

11:15 – 11:30

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:30 – 12:15

**POST INCARCERATION:
REAL REENTRY SOLUTIONS -
SOLVING 21ST CENTURY
PROBLEMS WITH 21ST
CENTURY SOLUTIONS**

Tracey Syphax
From the Block to the Boardroom LLC.

12:15 – 1:15

LUNCH

1:15 – 2:45

**BREAKOUTS: FAITH
COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE**

**DISRUPTING THE SCHOOL
TO PRISON PIPELINE**

Mildred Mendez
John Hart
Isles Youth Services
Patrick Hall
*Campaign to End the New Jim
Crow*

**PRE-INCARCERATION:
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY**

Gail Muhammad
Women Who Never Give Up

**INCARCERATION:
BEHIND ENEMY LINES:
FROM SLAVERY TO MASS
IMPRISONMENT**

Bonnie Kerness
Ojore Lutalo
AFSC Prison Watch Project

**POST-INCARCERATION:
RE-ENTRY SERVICES**

Angel Perez
Barry Grant
Helena Lewis
New Jersey Association on Correction

2:45 – 3:15

**FINAL CHALLENGE: WHAT
ARE WE GOING TO DO?**

Dave Davis
Nassau Presbyterian Church