Invitation

Dear Friend,

Prison Fellowship’s Salem Conference is coming soon! The event will be held on Saturday, May 2nd in Salem. It is one of the highlights of our ministry year - a wonderful time of celebration, equipping and fellowship!

This year’s Conference theme is “Into His Harvest.”
It is so important for us to see the world around us through Christ’s eyes. As we do, we come to recognize His perspective, priorities, how we should respond.

We have shorted our conference this year to a half-day format. Many have expressed that it is difficult to sit for a full day. Others have long distances to travel after the conference. Our hope is that this shorter format will serve everyone well.

Four workshops will be offered to help you sharpen your ministry skills and understanding. The workshops are relevant to in-prison, family, and re-entry ministry!

We will again be meeting at New Harvest Church in Salem. They are very active in prison ministry and have a huge heart for those touched by crime. Their campus is just off Interstate 5, and their hospitality promises to make this a memorable conference!

Through the years, conference participants have told us that one of the most important aspects of this event is the opportunity to meet with other volunteers to share ideas, build relationships, encourage one another, and to refine their ministry skills!

Please mark your calendar and join us on May 2nd for the 2015 Prison Fellowship Volunteer Conference!

Yours in His Service,
Mark Hubbell
Northwest Area Director

"A bruised reed he will not break... In faithfulness he will bring forth justice.” Isaiah 42:3
Agenda

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”  

-- Matthew 9:36-38

8:30 -- 9:00  Registration
9:00 – 10:00  Without a Shepherd
10:00 – 10:10 Break
10:10 -- 11:25 Workshops
11:25 – 11:35 Break
11:35 – 12:30 A Plentiful Harvest

Workshops

A. Another World: Understanding Prison Culture

In-Prison ministry requires volunteers to serve in culture very different from the one we live in. This workshop will examine the cultural norms and criminal thinking common to prisons and will provide practical advice on how effectively teach and communicate with men and women affected by this culture.

B. Overcoming the Odds

Historically, the odds have not been good. 67 percent of the men and women released from prison today are re-arrested within three years. It need not be that way. This workshop will identify the challenges of reentry Prison Fellowship’s reentry strategy – a strategy that is bearing fruit across the Northwest!

C. Mentoring Returning Prisoners

Christian prisoners returning to the community following a prison sentence are looking for a friend to come beside them to listen, guide, and encourage. This workshop will provide practical instruction on mentoring skills to help you to assist former prisoners as they transition back to the community.

D. Bridge Church Innovations

A “Bridge Church” is a church that works intentionally with Prison Fellowship to adopt one or more prisoners and assist them in transitioning back to the community. All Bridge Churches provide mentors, but there are many other ministries that can be offered. This workshop will focus on innovative ministries churches are offering to help men and women build new lives.

Registration

This conference is offered at no charge. However, we request that you register in advance so that we can prepare sufficient materials for every participant! Please register as soon as possible. There are three ways you can register:

1. Mail your registration to:
   Prison Fellowship
   Post Office Box 4693
   Salem, Oregon 97302

2. Call - (800) 251-7411 x6834

3. Email: Bonnie_Cushman@pfm.org

Please register me for the 2015 Volunteer Conference!

Name: ___________________________
Spouse: ___________________________  (If attending conference)
Address: __________________________
City: ___________________________ Zip: ________
Phone: __________________________
Email: __________________________

Church Home: __________________________

Workshop: __________________________

We respectfully request that children under the age of 18 not be brought to this event.