



Yoked Up

a monthly e-newsletter from the Yokefellow Prison Ministry of North Carolina



In-Prison Ministries Resuming

God is good! After a long two years the gates are slowly but surely beginning to reopen and Yokefellows are going inside North Carolina prisons to provide our listening ministries to incarcerated people! Yokefellow resumed in person ministries at Carteret Correctional Facility in Newport, NC in December 2021 and is preparing to reenter Avery-Mitchell Correctional Facility in Spruce Pine, NC this month.

Admittance of volunteers back into the prison facilities is on a case-by-case basis depending on the current COVID19 situation in each facility and the ability of facility staff to provide the training that is required in order for volunteers to enter the facilities. Yokefellow Prison Ministry is excited for the opportunity to get back to the core of our ministry which is reaching out and yoking up with incarcerated people in North Carolina's prison facilities. Please continue to be in prayer for the end to this terrible pandemic and the reopening of more correctional facilities! We believe in the goodness of God who opens doors, and breaks chains, and puts us in community with each other!

Admittance of volunteers back into the prison

Local Coordinators: We Need Your Help!



As Yokefellow Prison Ministry continues to prepare for reentry into the prison facilities, we need your help to contact the administration at the facilities you serve to find out what their plans are for allowing volunteers back into their respective facilities.

We also need for you to be in contact with your volunteers to determine who is willing to resume in-person ministries as soon as we are able. Please contact Carlton Gooding by email at cgooding@yokefellowprisonministry.org or by phone 336.740.0392 if you have any information from your contacts or if you need assistance reaching your assigned institution.

Mark Your Calendars!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri., April 29 at 10:30AM: Board Meeting (Zoom)

May 1-31: Annual Campaign (Statewide)

May 19 at 7:00PM: Volunteer Training at Forsyth Correctional Facility (In-Person)

Sat., May 21 at 10:00AM: Town Hall & New Volunteer Training/ Continuing Education (Zoom)

We look forward to seeing you!

Yokefellow Prison Ministry Adds A Residential Reentry Meeting in Wilmington, NC



Did you know that Yokefellow is now holding meetings in Residential Reentry Facilities across the state of North Carolina? These meetings launched in the Fall of 2021 and began with meetings in Durham, Greensboro, High Point, New Bern, Rocky Mount. This month, we are proud to announce a new location starting this month in Wilmington!

The Residential Reentry Facilities meet weekly or biweekly as determined by the administration of each residential house. These meetings allow Yokefellow to provide the same active listening ministry model that is provided to inmates in the traditional prison setting and allows Yokefellows to support our returning citizens as they make

becoming fully returned citizens. The mission is to equip these individuals to continue, or perhaps experience for the first time that being yoked in personal relationships with community volunteers and examining their lives can allow them to experience the forgiveness and healing power of God's love. Equipped with this new understanding they will be able to complete the return from incarceration with a covenant commitment to being responsible for themselves, their actions, and be more committed to contributing to their families and community.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of these Residential Reentry Facility locations, please contact Carlton Gooding by email at cgooding@yokefellowprisonministry.org or by phone 336. 740.0392.



May is Yokefellow Month

Yokefellow Prison Ministry will be celebrating May 2022 as YOKEFELLOW MONTH. In the past, Yokefellow has observed a Yokefellow Sunday but for 2022 we are expanding this to the entire month of May in order to give our dedicated volunteers ample time to work with their local congregations in order to find a Sunday that works for their congregation where the mission and work of the Yokefellow Prison Ministry can be highlighted.

Be on the lookout in early May for a letter that you can share with your local churches and other organizations that you might be a part of that would like to join the

Yokefellow Prison Ministry in the mission of reaching North Carolina inmates and incarceration impacted people for the glory of God. In the meantime, you can begin contacting your local pastors, men's & women's groups, Bible studies, and other organizations to find out when would work for them to dedicate a Sunday service or a meeting to Yokefellow Prison Ministry.

If you have questions about Yokefellow Month or other organizations and ministries that are interested in partnering with the Yokefellow Prison Ministry please contact Jennifer Burns, Program Development & Marketing Administrator at jburns@yokefellowprisonministry.org or 336. 681-6835.

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