



# Yoked Up

A newsletter from  
the Yokefellow Prison Ministry of North Carolina



## A Letter from the President of the Board

Dear Friends,

Paul wrote about the Body of Christ and different members of each church on his missionary quests. Paul celebrated the life and worth of every person; especially those who contributed to the common good. He realized that some had greater gifts than others and he emphasized that everyone was needed for an effective, healthy, and powerful community of faith. We are reminded that the ministry of the church and its representatives does not rest on any one person's shoulders. It rests with us all as God leads us in service for His kingdom. And we are thankful for the many who lead, serve, and support God's ministry called the Yokefellow Prison Ministry of North Carolina.

As our Yokefellow Community continues to grow and work together with the closing of 2022 and the beginning of the New Year 2023, we join in unity and we ask for your prayers, that God would form and create each of us as instruments of service and righteousness. Life, for all of us emerges, we grow spiritually, and God beckons us to move and change, giving us an opportunity to grow in Him. With new daily experiences I have witnessed perspectives of how God is able to accomplish His ministry and purpose. Individuals representing Yokefellow Prison Ministry need and grow with your support and your prayers. As we continue to work together as the Body of Christ, as people Yoked together, we will become stronger in mission in our communities, to the individuals we serve, and to our world. I am thankful to God for the great opportunity to Yoke with you in service. It is my prayer for the rest of 2022 that God will bless you, bless us, bless our passion for ministry in our communities, and the broader communities that we serve and are yet to serve. Yokefellow's opportunities for service are taking us to places and to the people there to introduce and grow in God's wonderful grace.

I pray that, as we move from 2022 into 2023, that we will be a grateful people. I pray that God will lead us and that we will listen with attentive ears and faithful hearts. I extend to you today my thanks for the opportunity to serve. Our opportunities are great and our service is needed. Praise be to God who leads us. And thank God we are called and equipped to serve this year and in the years to come together.

*David Morton,*

President of the Board of Directors  
Yokefellow Prison Ministry of North Carolina, Inc.

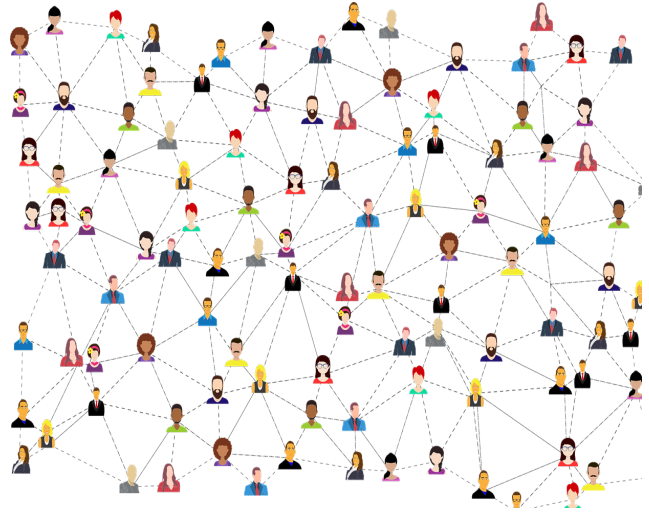


## Local Coordinators

We need you! This time of year especially we will find that holidays, staff vacations, and other special occasions interfere with our abilities to hold our Yokefellow meetings in the prison facilities. We need your help to ensure that our staff and our Yokefellow volunteers are kept informed of any scheduling changes so that we can all plan accordingly.

Also, if you are aware of a facility that has not yet permitted volunteers to return that is planning to begin doing so OR your facility is planning "Blue Card" training please make sure that Carlton Gooding is advised of this so that we can help potential volunteers make arrangements.

Lastly, if you know of anyone who is interested in ministering to our incarcerated people either in the prison facilities or a residential reentry facility please see that they get in touch with Carlton to complete the required Yokefellow Prison Ministry in-house training. Yokefellow Prison Ministry has facilities that we are still waiting to reenter due to a need for volunteers and we are constantly looking for new locations to minister in but we need trained volunteers in order to do this.



If you have questions about volunteer training, a specific prison or reentry facility or anything else please contact Carlton Gooding by phone at (336) 740-0392 or by email at [cgooding@yokefellowprisonministry.org](mailto:cgooding@yokefellowprisonministry.org).

Yokefellow Prison Ministry of North Carolina is what we are because of YOU and we need your help to continue ministering and reaching incarcerated people in North Carolina!

## Yokefellow Prison Ministry Receives Grant from Warren County Community Foundation

NORTH CAROLINA  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



In October, the Yokefellow Prison Ministry of North Carolina, Inc. was chosen to receive a grant from the North Carolina Community Foundation. This grant was given by the Warren County chapter of the NCCF with the express purpose of that money being used to benefit inmates and families of those impacted by the criminal justice system in that county. Yokefellow Prison Ministry is grateful to the Board of the North Carolina Community Foundation for their belief in our model of ministry and their support of our

mission to ensure that Yokefellow meetings are available to all who need to experience the power of God's love.

Warren Correctional Institution in Manson, NC has a Yokefellow meeting that is not currently running so please keep in prayer for God to move in that area to allow our Yokefellow volunteers to resume ministry there. Yokefellow Prison Ministry staff will be exploring opportunities to grow our ministry in Warren County in 2023. Again, please keep in prayer for God's will to be done through Yokefellow Prison Ministry of North Carolina as we move forward in faith.

To learn more about the North Carolina Community Foundation of Warren County and other organizations that were selected to receive grant funding please go to [www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/coastal-plain-north/warren-county](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/coastal-plain-north/warren-county).



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