

Prison Bus Trips



“There are several reasons that visiting with family and friends is encouraged in the prison setting. The most important becomes evident after release.

The prisoner who has maintained contact with supportive individuals such as family and friends has a “safety net” when he or she returns to the community. Family and friends provide a feeling of belonging to a group. “

(Reginald A. Wilkinson, Director, Ohio Dept of Rehabilitation and Correction - Prison and Jail Administration's Practices and Theory)

The Council of Christian Communion began serving the Greater Cincinnati Community through ecumenical leadership in 1914. Today, this 501(c)3 non-profit organization is supported by mainline denominations and religious organizations, individual churches, donors and grants. The Council builds bridges that provide access needed for Christians and other faiths to minister, teach and worship together in the public arena. Our ministries in Education and Justice Chaplaincy utilize the gifts and talents of over 2,600 volunteers. Through these ministries, volunteers recognize the value of working together across religious, economic, racial, generational and geographic lines to change lives for the better in our community.

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Sponsored by
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Trips to 10 Ohio State Prisons

Chillicothe
 Lancaster
 Lebanon
 London
 Madison
 Marysville (ORW)
 Noble
 Orient (CRC)
 Pickaway
 Warren

Adults pay a nominal fee of
 \$30-45 per trip.

*Children 0-17 yrs.— free.

**General Electric Community
 Service Fund*

Man-Man/Woman-Woman (M-M/W-W) has worked to keep Cincinnati's families connected for 20 years. The **Prison Bus**, provides those who have incarcerated loved ones with affordable, safe, reliable transportation to Ohio state prisons. In 2006, over 500 families; 2% men, 70% women and 28% children were transported to see relatives at 10 Ohio State prisons.



YOU CAN HELP! Churches and organizations can support these trips by donating their vans and drivers to take families to a prison. As shown above, Mt. Zion Baptist of Glendale supports the Lebanon/Warren trip with their van and two drivers. Bethel Baptist church takes families to Orient, Lancaster and Orient in their church van. Others support through sponsorship of the monthly bus rental. If you or your church are interested in more information regarding support of this most important ministry, call Rev. Linda Anderson, coordinator of Man-Man/Woman-Woman at 681-4129 or the Council offices at 351-6789.

Man-Man/Woman-Woman (M-M/W-W)

Man-Man/Woman-Woman (M-M/W-W) was established in 1971, as a matching program that paired a volunteer with a specific inmate in an Ohio prison. Volunteers offered friendship, corresponded with the inmate and often upon release, assisted their re-entry into society. In 2003, United Way was forced to cut funding to some of their agencies and (M-M/W-W) was one of those expended. Due to the Council of Christian Communion's interest in rehabilitation and re-entry of prisoners, the Council extended an invitation for M-M/W-W to join our Justice Chaplaincy ministry.

M-M/W-W' also offers a monthly Support Group for family and friends of prisoners who wish to share their stories, express their feelings, gain strength, insight and support during this difficult time in their life.

M-M/W-W's programs affect the lives of three distinct people in Hamilton County—children, families and the incarcerated at Ohio State prisons.