



THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNIONS
OF GREATER CINCINNATI

JUST THE FACTS

*“Creating opportunities for ministry among the people
and institutions of Greater Cincinnati”*

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MISSION

“Called to be the visible expression of Christian Unity, an effective witness to the Gospel, partners in Christ’s service, and builders of bridges, the Council of Christian Communion of Greater Cincinnati is composed of churches and other religious bodies working together to serve the community through organized ecumenical and interfaith programs in Education and Justice Chaplaincies.”

HISTORY

- Incorporated in 1914 to unite Christians of Greater Cincinnati together in ministry to the needs of the community.
- Educational—Weekday Released Time Christian education program started in 1924 through Cincinnati Public Schools
- “Church by the Side of the Road” radio ministry in 1935
- “Church Today” television program in 1980
- Jail ministry began in the early 1980’s
- Man-to-Man/Woman-to-Woman started matching prisoners with volunteers in 1971 and joined the Council in 2003 with prison bus ministry

COMMUNITY POSITION

- The only formal “hands on” ecumenical Christian organization in Cincinnati
- Addresses community issues from a Christian perspective
- Addresses education from Christian-based curriculums
- Provides opportunities for ministry – is not a political influence organization
- Focuses only on the needs of Greater Cincinnati – no national affiliation
- Primary faith-based organization working within the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center, Cincinnati Public Schools Learning Centers, CincyAfterSchool, YMCA’s and Boys and Girls Clubs

MINISTRIES

Education – 22 volunteer mentors—over 11,000 youth at Juvenile Youth Center

- In School Suspension classes—DARE officers assist CCC teacher and mentor at-risk students at Winton Woods Middle School
- Anger Management/Conflict Resolution training –11 classes held at the Ham. County Juvenile Court Youth Center – Over 11,000 served in 2006
- Serving Teams (Mentoring/tutoring) – volunteers from area churches form teams that mentor at-risk youth at Juvenile, YMCA’s, Boy’s and Girl’s Clubs, CPS Learning Centers

Justice – 2000 volunteers provided over 7,000 volunteer ministry hours in 2006

- Church Worship Teams – Church teams hold worship services with youth in the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center and inmates in the Hamilton County Adult Jail System
- Police/clergy (24) – Clergy who ride with police to minister and serve with police
- Man-to-Man/Woman-to-Woman Prison Bus Service – transports over 500 families each month to 10 Ohio state prisons—children under 18 ride free
- Sponsors a monthly support group for the family members and loved ones of inmates
- Matches inmates with volunteers for support and mentoring