

Executive Director & SC Regional Director

YPM STAFF

WELCOME TO YPM NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Carl Geissinger stepped into the position of Executive Director July 1. Carl was and still is serving as the YPM SC PA Regional Director and will hold both positions until March 1, 2019. Carl has been involved with YPM for 35 years, serving in various roles, and volunteered in the Snyder County Jail for 25 years. He is currently copastoring at Barrville Mennonite Church in Reedsville, PA. Carl is also a sheep shearer.



SE Regional Dir
John Rush



NE Regional Dir
Nessie Whaley



SW & NW Regional Dir
Ron Galabro

YOKEFELLOWSHIP PRISON MINISTRY 2017 STATISTICS

Based upon Area Council 2017 quarterly reports:
A pool of 248* YPM volunteers from 15 Area Councils ministered in 40 correctional and 4 aftercare facilities to 1,389* inmates and returning citizens weekly.

There were 87 regularly scheduled sessions:
56 weekly, 1 every 3 weeks, 13 bi-weekly, 13 monthly
1 every three weeks

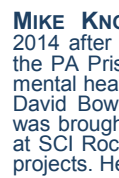
* Some volunteers and inmates were counted more than once as they participated in more than one ministry event.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

GEORGE MELIUS served 22½ years in the PA DOC. He works parttime at Bike n Sol and is co-founder and pastor of Free Indeed Ministries, reaching into the mission fields of the PA prison system with the tangible love of God. He was disciplined by YPM and taught that new beginnings are possible with the proper support system and the guidance of the Holy Spirit whom he continues to follow.



CINDY SANFORD was a self-proclaimed "tough on crime" advocate whose accidental meeting with a juvenile lifer deepened her faith and prompted her to write a book about her experience called **Letters to a Lifer**. Cindy is the wife of a retired law enforcement officer and a member of the Pennsylvania Prison Society. She lives in Bloomsburg, PA and is the mother of four sons.



MIKE KNOTT semi-retired from the PA DOC in 2014 after 27 years service, working part-time for the PA Prison Society and then in the community mental health field. Then a chance encounter with David Bowen changed his life dramatically; Mike was brought to Jesus Christ. Mike now volunteers at SCI Rockview and works with David on various projects. He is also active in 15th St UMC.



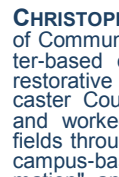
DAVID MANOS has been involved in prison ministry for 32 years, serving with YPM in various leadership capacities: YPM Board Chair, NC PA Area Council Council Director, and SW/NW Regional Advisory Council Chair. David is also a longtime volunteer in the Clearfield County Jail and is qualified to provide training to new and existing prison ministry volunteers.



MICHELE WALTERS has been serving as a YPM volunteer in Snyder County Prison (SCP) since 2004 and has also been conducting YPM trainings for the SUN Area Council. She works for Jubilee Ministries as a Chaplain at SCP for the female population and is also employed by Wesley United Methodist Church, Selinsgrove as a Coordinator of Christian Discipleship.



JANEEN CHRIST is the Western Region Reentry Administrator for the PA DOC. Janeen has assisted in the development of reentry initiatives and policy, re-entrant/inmate workforce development and statewide operations that have involved collaborative efforts between interdepartmental, government and community agencies. Janeen has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Bryn Mawr College. She has researched and supervised national and regional studies on social topics including hunger in America, medical and women's issues.



CHRISTOPHER FRITZ is the Executive Director of Community Engagement at Advoz, a Lancaster-based organization offering mediation and restorative justice services and training in Lancaster County, PA and beyond. Chris studied and worked in conflict resolution and related fields throughout the last 20 years. He started a campus-based program for "conflict transformation" and later worked in Northern Ireland, Croatia and Washington, DC. He has a M.A. in International Peace & Development Studies at Jaume I University in Castellon, Spain. He lives in a bilingual household along the Susquehanna River in Marietta, PA with his spouse and two children.



YOKEFELLOWSHIP PRISON MINISTRY

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5-6, 2018



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YPM Mission Statement
"helping at-risk youth, inmates and returning citizens yoke themselves to Christ for salvation and changed lives."

Restorative Justice

Friday, October 5, 2018

- 12:30 - 1:00PM **Registration** in Baylor Room, Lower Level of Inn, Motel check-ins after 3:00 PM
- 1:00 - 1:15 PM **Welcome & Introductions** - Carl Geissinger, YPM Executive Director
- 1:15 - 2:00 PM ***Testimony of a Returning Citizen** - George Melius
- 2:15 - 3:30 PM ***Workshops** - 1) Cindy Sanford, "Corresponding with People in Prison"; 2) Mike Knott, "Dealing with Difficult Inmates in Yokefellowship"; 3) David Manos & Michele Walters, "Doing Small Group YPM in County Jails".
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM ***"Current Issues in Corrections"** - Janeen Christ, Western Region Re-entry Administrator
- 6:30 PM ***BANQUET** - Banquet Room; **Introduction and Invocation - Wesley King**, YPM Chair; **Keynote Speaker** - Christopher Fritz, Executive Director of AVOZ, **"Restorative Justice in Our Backyard: the Quiet American Justice Revolution"**
- 8:30 PM **Social Hour** - Options: 1) Q&A with Christopher Fritz, 2) Informal Sharing in Small Groups, 3) Small Group for New Volunteers and Other Interested Persons, 4) Meet and Greet - YPM Staff and Board Members

Saturday, October 6, 2018

- 6:30-7:45 AM **Area Council Council Directors Breakfast with Carl Geissinger**, Best Western Breakfast Room
- 7:00-7:50 AM **Continental Breakfast** for guests staying at the inn.
- 8:00 AM **Opening Worship** - Carl Geissinger, YPM Executive Director
- 8:45-9:45 AM ***"Restorative Justice: Doing Justice, Loving Mercy or Walking Humbly?"** - Christopher Fritz, Executive Director of AVOZ
- Break Final opportunity to check out of room.
- 10:15-11:30AM ***Workshops** - 1) Christopher Fritz, "Restorative Justice: Doing It and Living It with Circle Process"; 2) Cindy Sanford, "Corresponding with Men and Women in Prison"; 3) Mike Knott, "Dealing with Difficult Inmates in Yokefellowship"; 4) David Manos or Michelle Walters, "Doing Small Group YPM in County Jails"
- 12:00 - 1:15PM **Lunch** buffet in restaurant. Introduction of new leaders in Staff and Area Councils
- 1:30 - 2:30 PM ***Workshops** - 1) Cindy Sanford, "Corresponding with Men and Women in Prison"; 3) Mike Knott, "Dealing with Difficult Inmates in Yokefellowship"; 4) Michelle Walters, "Doing Small Group YPM in County Jails"
- 1:30-3:30 PM ***YPM Annual Business Meeting** - Two voting delegates were appointed by each Area Council prior to the conference. Others may attend as non-voting guests.
- 1:30-3:30 PM ***YPM Certification Training for New Volunteers** - This two-hour session, conducted by YPM certified instructors, covers the basics for YPM volunteers. Everyone who is interested in becoming a YPM volunteer, or who is new to YPM but has not been certified, is encouraged to attend. Training in English by Nessie Whaley and in Spanish by Alma Maldonado-Colon.
- 2:45-3:30 PM **Worship Celebration and Installation of New YPM State Board.**

***Please Note: YPM volunteers seeking re-certification must attend at least 3 of 9 asterisked (*) sessions.**

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

Phones ____-____-____ & ____-____-____

Email _____

YPM Area Council: _____

Years as YPM Volunteer: _____

Church _____

Pastor _____

Prisons in which you serve _____

Roommate* (if sharing) _____

**If you want to choose your roommate, both forms must be mailed together.*

Private Sharing

Handicapped room (also check private or sharing)

Cost/Person	Arrangement	Qty	Total \$
\$30	Friday Afternoon Session (additional charge)		
\$40	Friday Banquet only		
\$65	Saturday Sessions only with buffet luncheon.		
\$85	Friday banquet, Saturday sessions, Saturday lunch.		
\$120	Friday banquet, lodging shared room, continental breakfast, Saturday sessions, Saturday lunch.		
\$60	Additional charge for Private Room		
\$10	Late Fee if registration not postmarked by Sept 8.		
	TOTAL		

Make checks payable to "Yokefellowship Prison Ministry." Mail form and payment to Mike Knott, 5667 Redbud Lane, Alexandria, PA 16611. Full payment must accompany registration. 814-669-4125

A \$10 late fee must be added to each registration not post-marked by Sept 8, 2018.

Cancellations must be received in the office by Sept 29, 2018 to qualify for any refund.

For registration and other information: www.yokefellowship.net, info@yokefellowship.net
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