

✘ The International Prisons Chaplains' Association (IPCA) is an ecumenical Christian movement, rooted in a conference of prison chaplains from all over the world, held at the Ecumenical Centre at Bossey, Switzerland in 1985.

✘ IPCA is a non-profit and non-political association, helping Christian Prison Chaplains everywhere to be in touch with each other to be more effective in their ministry.

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✘ IPCA recognizes that the enclosed institutional life of prison chaplains can isolate them from their churches. IPCA therefore works towards helping prison chaplains globally make supportive contacts to enhance their care for prisoners and their affirmation of the inherent dignity of every individual held in custody.

✘ IPCA's mission: Uniting, encouraging and equipping a global network of prison chaplains as they share God's love and restoring justice.

✘ IPCA's Organization: Every continent chose one representative and one assistant representative to IPCA Steering Committee, elected together with the president at the quinquennial IPCA World Conference with prison chaplains from all over the world participating.

✘ IPCA regions are North America, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Oceania and Europe.

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AFRICAN REGION

IPCA has 475 prison chaplain members from 34 states in Africa, and IPCA offices in 9: South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Mali, Republic of Congo Brazzaville, Centre African Republic, Ivory Coast, Burundi, Togo and Tanzania.

Prisons in Africa are well known for extreme poverty. Lack of food, medicine, clothes - basic human rights - combined with corruption and violence. Prison chaplains in Africa are encouraged and equipped for visiting prisons to be carriers of hope in spite of tragic basic conditions.

Some IPCA Africa projects:

1. Organization of the Conference on the chaplaincy in Africa.
2. Taking care of children of inmates in Tanzania
3. National conference on chaplaincy in Tanzania
4. Schooling of the children of the prisoners (Ivory Coast).
5. Feeding of at least three hundred prisoners per month (Ivory Coast)
6. Institutional support, plus the elimination of illiteracy in the prisons (Ivory Coast).
7. Covers for the 270 prisoners of Bubanza prison in Burundi,
8. Purchase and acquisition of beds, mattress, seals, tables, chairs, oil lamps, kitchen utensils for the Philemon Centre in Mali.
9. Provide bible for the prisoners (DR Congo)
10. Food assistance for prisoners (DR Congo)

WORLD CONFERENCE

Every five years, a Worldwide Conference for prison chaplains is arranged, to unite, encourage and equip prison chaplains from all over the world.

Next World Conference: 20-25 August 2010 in Stockholm.

Theme: Forgotten People.

A scholarship fund has been grounded to open up for prison chaplains from developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe to participate.



EXAMPLES OF IPCA ACTIVITIES



EDUCATION

Justice Reflections

A collection of theological papers, edited for IPCA by The Reverend Terry Nowell, in conjunction with the International Commission for Catholic Prison Pastoral Care (ICPPC) and Prison Fellowship International (PFI).

ASIAN REGION

IPCA has about 200 prison chaplain members from 15 states in Asia. There is multiplicity of races, religions and cultures. The population of inmates in jails and prisons varies. In terms of economic situation, the ASIAN Region has the developed countries, developing countries and 3rd world countries.

One of the Asian countries with a strong IPCA engagement is The Philippines. Main focus is on Restorative Justice and alternatives to imprisonment, to repair social relationship and address the wrong and the injury sustained.

IPCA support Restorative Justice seminar in The Philippines

- To provide the participants a deeper understanding and appreciation of Biblical Justice - Justice that Restores and Heals
- To have a commitment to explore and apply Restorative Justice interventions in settling disputes / conflicts
- To be a member of the group that advances the idea of Restorative Justice. By the end of the seminar the participants are expected:
 1. To understand and appreciate the principles of restorative justice and alternatives to imprisonment
 2. To have a wider perspective on restorative justice and other pertinent UN documents and church teachings on justice that heals.
 3. To consider general strategies to reduce the reach of the criminal justice system and thus indirectly avoid the use of imprisonment in the criminal justice system
 4. To discuss how to focus systematically on the implementation of alternatives to imprisonment at all phases of the criminal justice system