**Lord, Let Our Eyes Be Opened: Breaking the Chains of Mass Incarceration**

**Friday, October 23, 2015**

8:30 am-4:00 pm **Healing Communities training**

Healing Communities is a proven, national model, created by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and faith leaders from across the theological spectrum, to engage congregations in the restoration and healing of their own members who have been impacted by crime and the criminal justice system. This training will equip and empower congregations with resources, information and support, while each congregation decides on its own action plan and approach to work toward being a healing community, based on its own culture, beliefs and demographics.

Led by the Lancaster County Reentry Management Organization (RMO)

Melanie G. Snyder, *Executive Director*

Naomi Christine Leapheart, *Minister, Educator, Justice Organizer, & Brown, Rooks, & Evans Scholar at Lancaster Theological Seminary*

3:00-6:30 pm **Registration Open** *Hotel Lobby*

4:30-7:00 pm **Exhibits Open** *Hotel Lobby*

7:00-8:30 pm **Keynote: *Mass Incarceration in the US:*** *Dauphin Ballroom*

***The Stone the Builders Rejected***

Speaker: Glenn E. Martin, *Founder and President of JustLeadershipUSA*

Panel:

8:45 pm **Opening Worship** *Dauphin Ballroom*

Led by: Students from Lancaster Theological Seminary

Preacher: Dr. Harold Dean Trulear, *Director of the Healing Communities Prison Ministry and Prisoner Reentry Project of the Philadelphia Leadership Foundation*

9:30 pm-- **Film: ????** *Dauphin Ballroom*

**Networking, free time**

**Saturday, October 24**

7:00 am **Continental Breakfast available** *Hotel Lobby*

7:30-10:00 am **Registration Open** *Hotel Lobby*

7:45-8:15 am **Worship** *Dauphin Ballroom*

Led by: Students from Lancaster Theological Seminary

8:30-9:30 am **Plenary:** What do our faith traditions have to say about *Dauphin Ballroom*

criminal justice/reform?

Speaker: Dr. Harold Dean Trulear, *Director of the Healing Communities Prison Ministry and Prisoner Reentry Project of the Philadelphia Leadership Foundation*

9:30-9:45 am **Coffee & Exhibit Break** *Hotel Lobby*

9:45-10:45 am **Plenary:** Introduction to the sociological aspects of the *Dauphin Ballroom*

U.S. criminal justice system

Speaker: Dr. Geert Dhondt, *Assistant Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*

10:45-11:00 am **Coffee & Exhibit Break** *Hotel Lobby*

11:00 am-12:00 pm **Plenary:** Economics—financial/profit factors that drive *Dauphin Ballroom*

the American justice system

Speaker: Dr. Geert Dhondt, *Assistant Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*

12:00-12:15 pm **Break**

12:15-1:15 pm **Lunch** *Dauphin Ballroom*

Speaker: John E. Wetzel, *Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections*

1:15-1:30 pm **Break**

1:30-3:00 pm **Panel:** What is happening in our prisons now? Etc. *Dauphin Ballroom*

Panelists: Robert Cicchinelli, *Board Member, Pennsylvania Prison Society*

Tot Metz/Yellow, *Youth Activist*

Five Muallim-ak, *Director, Incarcerated Nation Corporation*

Dr. Kori Novak, *Partner, Mellivora Group, and Researcher, Oxford Research Centre on the Humanities (TORCH)*

Tyrone Werts, *Consultant, The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program*

Moderator: John Hargreaves, *Director of Volunteers, Pennsylvania Prison Society*

3:00-3:30 pm **Coffee & Exhibit Break** *Hotel Lobby*

3:30-5:00 pm **Panel:** What’s the experience in communities, families? *Dauphin Ballroom*

Panelists: J. Jondhi Harrell, *Executive Director, The Center for Returning Citizens*

Reuben Jones, *Executive Director, Frontline Dads*

James Young, *Chair, Criminal Justice Committee, Reading NAACP*

Moderator: Minister Kim Kendrick, *Associate Pastor, Living Water United Church of Christ, Philadelphia*

5:00-7:00 pm **Networking/Social Time & Exhibit Break** *Hotel Lobby*

7:00-8:30 pm **Banquet** *Dauphin Ballroom*

Table discussions based on questions from the day’s presentations

8:45 pm **Film: ????** *Dauphin Ballroom*

**Networking, free time**

**Sunday, October 25**

7:00 am **Continental Breakfast available** *Hotel Lobby*

7:45-8:15 am **Worship** *Dauphin Ballroom*

Led by: Students from Lancaster Theological Seminary

8:15-8:30 am **Coffee & Exhibit Break** *Hotel Lobby*

8:30-10:00 am **Panel:** Redemption--What are communities & congregations *Dauphin Ballroom*

doing to ease the transition for returning citizens?

Panelists: Pastor Yvette Davis, *Pastor, Grace United Methodist Church, Harrisburg*

Naomi Christine Leapheart, *Minister, Educator, Justice Organizer, & Brown, Rooks, & Evans Scholar at Lancaster Theological Seminary*

Charla Plains, ‎*Reentry Coordinator, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency*

Melanie G. Snyder, *Executive Director, Lancaster County RMO*

10:00-10:30 am **Coffee & Exhibit Break** *Hotel Lobby*

10:30 am-12:00 pm **Panel:** What are legislative/policy options for addressing the *Dauphin Ballroom*

problems/issues identified?

Panelists: Ann Schwartzman, *Executive Director, Pennsylvania Prison Society*

Douglas Walker, *National Coordinator for Criminal Justice Reform, United Methodist General Board of Church & Society*

12:00-12:15 pm **Break**

12:15-1:15 pm **Lunch:** Table discussions—What will you take back to your *Dauphin Ballroom*

congregation/community from your learnings?

1:15-1:30 pm **Break**

1:30-3:00 pm **Issue Workshops (TBA)**

Possibilities include death penalty, solitary confinement, churches and sex offenders, and volunteering in prison

3:00-3:30 pm **Coffee & Exhibit Break** *Hotel Lobby*

3:30-4:30 pm **Lobby Day Preparation** *Dauphin Ballroom*

Presenter: Rev. Sandy Strauss, *Director of Advocacy & Ecumenical Outreach, Pennsylvania Council of Churches*

4:30 pm-- **Networking/free time; dinner on your own**

7:00-8:30 pm **Reception for Lobby Day participants** *Room 616*

**Monday, October 26**

8:00-9:00 am **Travel to Capitol**

9:00-11:00 am **Lobby visits**

11:00-11:30 am **Press Conference**

11:30 am-- **Lobby visits**