



Coalition of Faith-Based Organizations

Spirituality and Justice Initiative

Many people who are incarcerated have not been convicted of a crime. Unsented incarcerated persons comprise about half the prison population in the countries with the most severe overcrowding. Conditions in many places of detention are unhygienic and inhumane. Rarely do the facilities provide opportunities for re-entry or even maintenance of family connections. Underlying issues of poverty, discrimination, unemployment, psychological stress, and substance abuse are rarely dealt with within prisons. Faith-Based Organizations can advocate for penal reforms and operate programs of introspection and restorative justice as well as post-release support projects. Their members should continually emphasize that a temporarily incarcerated person is a human being with inalienable rights.

HUMANE TREATMENT OF PRESENTLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE

WEBINAR



AUGUST 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM EST (NY Time); 4:00 PM CEST (Vienna Time)

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MODERATOR:

- **Michael Platzer**, Co-Chair of the Coalition of Faith-Based Organizations

SPEAKERS:

- **Bishop Franz Scharl**, Auxiliary Bishop of Vienna, Vicar for prison pastoral care
- **Dr. Karin Bruckmüller**, University Professor at the Sigmund Freud University Vienna
- **Sister Alison McCrary**, President of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild
- **Dr. Yitzhak Ben Yair**, Researcher and lecturer at the Zefat Academic College
- **Imam Sheikh Mohammad Ismail**, Muslim chaplain Sheffield University, Sheffield Federation of Mosques
- **Reverend George Harrison**, Malaysian Catholic Priest and Prison Chaplain in Malaysia
- **Aung Naing Win (Mr. Shine)**, Founder & President of the Interfaith Youth Coalition on Aid in Myanmar
- **Reverend Father Brian Gowans**, President of the International Commission of Prison Pastoral Care

The Coalition of Faith-Based Organizations was established at the United Nations Office in Vienna, Austria, in May 2019. This is a broadly-based multi-faith coalition of leading representatives of the world's great religious traditions, along with interfaith and civil society leaders, academics, and practitioners actively engaged in criminal justice and crime prevention. The Coalition of FBOs supports the work of various UN agencies, most notably the UNODC, and cooperates with the Vienna-based The Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.



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