

# YOKEFELLOWSHIP PRISON MINISTRY



SW & NW PA  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE

## Doing Your Part

– Inside or Out –

To Change Lives Behind Bars



*“You don’t have to go into a prison to have a life-changing impact on inmates and their families,”*

*Rev Ron Calabro*

**Sat, April 7, 2018**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Church of the Brethren  
905 Mcknight Road  
Indiana, PA 15701

### YPM MISSION STATEMENT

*“Helping at-risk youth, inmates and returning citizens yoke themselves to Christ for salvation and changed lives.”*

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412-719-4394 or revcal@comcast.net or Sean  
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## Registration

Register by March 31.

There is no registration fee, but a love offering will be accepted and appreciated to help cover lunch and other conference expenses. Please use form on this brochure to register.

## Directions

The Church of the Brethren is located at 905 Mcknight Road, Indiana, PA 15701. It is directly across from the Rustic Lodge on Oakland Ave/PA 286.

From 422 - From Highway 422, take the Oakland Avenue Exit, travel east through 4 traffic lights. Before the 5th traffic light, the Church will be directly on your left.

### Special Thanks to the SW/NW Regional Advisory Council Members:

David Manos (Chair), Rev Ron Calabro (YPM SW/NW Regional Director), Carol Battin, Dan Dahlgren, Sean Atkinson, Linda Townsend, Sue Wiseman

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form to: \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Townsend  
205 Twin Circle  
Mt Pleasant, PA 15666

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# AGENDA

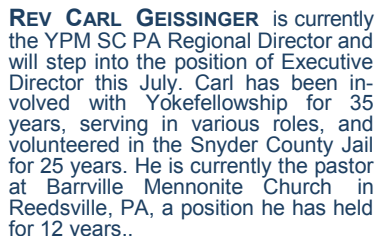
# CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

8:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:00	<b>Welcome</b> - Rev Ron Calabro
9:10	<b>Worship &amp; Opening Prayer</b>
<b>PART I - INTRO TO PRISON LIFE</b>	
9:30	<b>Chaplain's Perspective</b> - Chaplain Kirk Anderson, SCI Pine Grove
9:45	<b>Inmate's Perspective</b> - George Melius, 22 years experience.
<b>PART 2 - PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS</b>	
10:40	<b>Needs, Volunteer Types and Opportunities &amp; Communicating Needs</b> - Rev Carl Geissinger, YPM SC Regional Director
11:10	<b>Developing Team Concept, Importance of Strong Leadership, Building Bridges</b> - Rev Ron Calabro, YPM NW/SW Regional Director
11:40	<b>Aftercare through Relational Small Group Ministry</b> - Rev Carl Geissinger, YPM SC Regional Director.
12:00	<b>Lunch and Fellowship</b>
<b>PART 3 - SMALL GROUP DYNAMICS</b>	
1:00	<b>Small Group Dynamics</b> - David Manos, YPM Board Member & Volunteer
1:20	<b>Demonstrating Small Group Effectiveness</b> - multiple facilitators
<b>PART 4 - WAYS YOU CAN HELP</b>	
2:30	<b>Open Forum</b> - George Melius, Rev Calabro, Rev Geissinger, David Manos
<b>PRIZE DRAWING &amp; CLOSING CIRCLE</b>	

**CHAPLAIN KIRT ANDERSON** has been involved in prison chaplaincy work since 2000 and has been the Facility Chaplaincy Program Director at SCI Pine Grove since 2006. Rev. Anderson pastors the Indiana Church of the Brethren and is a co-founder of the Veteran's Parsonage, a homeless shelter for veterans. Rev. Kirt loves to see incarcerated men come to Christ, and surrender their lives to Jesus to become His disciples.



**GEORGE MELIUS** served 22½ years in the PA Department of Corrections. He works parttime at Bike n Sol and is cofounder 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 today.

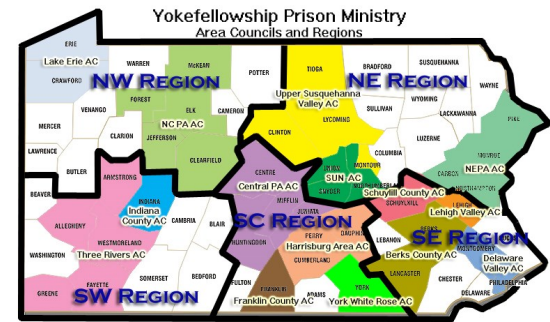
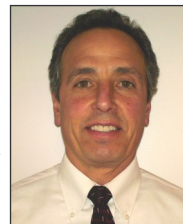


**REV CARL GEISSINGER** is currently the YPM SC PA Regional Director and will step into the position of Executive Director this July. Carl has been involved with Yokefellowship for 35 years, serving in various roles, and volunteered in the Snyder County Jail for 25 years. He is currently the pastor at Barrville Mennonite Church in Reedsville, PA, a position he has held for 12 years..



**REV RON CALABRO** has served in prison ministry since 1992, working with Prison Fellowship before coming to YPM in 2001. Ron currently is a volunteer Chaplain at SCI Fayette conducting worship services, Bible Study and Prayer Groups in addition to coordinating and facilitating Yokefellowship small groups there. Ron is also serving as the YPM SW/NW PA Regional Director.

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



## Yokefellowship Prison Ministry

Yokefellowship Prison Ministry (YPM) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that ministers in federal, state, and county correctional facilities, as well as juvenile detention centers across Pennsylvania. This is made possible with the help of nearly 400 trained volunteers that faithfully bring Christ-centered biblical principles to incarcerated men, women and youth. YPM volunteers have been ministering in PA for more than 60 years.

Today, YPM has 15 Area Councils (AC) in five geographical regions. Each region is responsible for growing their ministries and addressing the needs of the ACs within their region. Each region is asked to conduct annual regional conferences to help attain this purpose.

The SW and NW regions combine their efforts given there are only four ACs within the region: (see map above).

Please join us April 7th to learn about prison ministry in this region and the many needs that exist within the ministry.

Our signature scripture, Matthew 11:28-30, reflections both our mission and approach:

*“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*