

Committee Report for the Prison Committee-US for the May 2022 Trustee Conference

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I have recently been approached by the first Co-Chair BOT to assume the duties of this committee from Beth Z.-Area 2 who is unable to continue in this role. As of this writing, there is much information gathering needed in order to revitalize to the best way possible, this service to our incarcerated brothers and sisters. Among the immediate goals are:

1. Get access to, or email forwarded from the email address:
committee.prison.us@trusteewebsite.com
2. Contact old committee members concerning activities up to this point.
3. Extend offer to those who wish to render service to this committee.
4. Gain input from the Trustees worldwide who currently have prison meetings active and who is the liaison to them.
5. Review exactly what the committee can do to support existing prison meetings, and support those desiring to start one.

I only know my experience in Ohio, but among the difficulties encountered are, though jails are local, long term incarceration facilities like State and Federal prisons are intentionally isolated from population centers. Areas where Gamblers Anonymous meeting are rare at best. How is this addressed?

Each prison/jail, has different rules and restrictions dependent on current administration, level of security, program offerings, State and Federal regulations, etc. How can this committee assist in navigating these challenges?

Lastly, How can we assist in a prisoners transition to "life outside" by providing GA support for their program once released?

Best Regards,

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