

## **Prisons Committee Report-US for 2025 St. Louis**

### **Purpose**

To provide telephone, email, "snail mail," and an in-person resource (as feasible) to the trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.

1. **Lino Lakes:** Active. Monthly meetings Volunteer run.
2. **Grafton:** Suspended. See Below
3. **London:** Weekly. Prisoner run. 30-40 attendees.

1. Lino Lakes, MN allows GA volunteers to enter and have a meeting only monthly right now as a pilot project.
2. Grafton, Ohio- A GA member asked to head up visits to Grafton for the meetings. Upon approaching the staff to start the necessary paperwork, was informed that due to staffing cut and lack of sustained interest by the prisoners, the meeting has been suspended. All attempts to restart under the guidance of GA membership were rejected.
3. London, Ohio- Very active meeting run by prisoners. Arranged for me to visit in early February 2025 to observe the meeting and encourage prisoners involved. Over 120 prisoners from all 12 Step programs and many addicts not in recovery attended. Turned into an impromptu interactive lead.

### **Information Requests**

Four prisoners reached out for literature. One requested meetings in St. Cloud, MN as his release was in March from a Maryland prison. A woman in a Henderson, TX facility, and one man in a Covington, LA facility. A 4th was a military prisoner from the Annex in Leavenworth, KS looking to start a meeting. Each received prisoner literature from Israel and a letter from me directly answering their questions.