On the occasion of the UN’s 56th Session on Social Development, the Prison Partnership Program has been invited to co-host its second Side Event at the United Nations. The event is being co-hosted by:

**The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations**

**The International Prison Chaplains Association (IPCA),** which has about 2,000 members serving as Prison Chaplains in more than 100 countries.

**Citizens United for the Return of Errants (CURE),** which has 39 chapters in the US and representatives in 30 countries. CURE engages in legislative prison reform efforts.

**The World Council of Churches, the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Presbyterian Church USA**

Please join us for a discussion on:

*A Human Dignity and Faith Perspectives on the Eradication of Poverty as One of the Main Root Causes of Incarceration*

**Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 – 4:30 PM

**Location:** United Nations Headquarters Conference Room 5

Speakers include:

*Welcome by the Co-Hosts:*

Ib Peterson, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations

Charles Sullivan, President, Citizens for the Return of Errants

Jean-Didier Mboyo, Vice-President, International Prison Chaplains Association

Ryan Smith, Director of the UN Office, Presbyterian Church USA

Bruce Knotts, Director, Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office

Doug Leonard, UN Representative, World Council of Churches

*New York State:*

Brian Fischer, Retired Commissioner, DOCCS (New York State Department of Corrections and Community Service)
**Community – Politics:**
Chris Burdick, Supervisor, Town of Bedford, NY

**Inside Prison Walls:**
Teresa Kellendonk, Prison Chaplain, Vice-President, International Prison Chaplains Association, Canada
Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi, President, Buddhist Association of the United States
Karen Shiel, Board Co-Chair, Rehabilitation Through the Arts
Sister Tesa Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Hour Children
Leeanna Varga, Director of Programs, Episcopal Charities

**Reentry:**
Julio Medina, Executive Director, Exodus Transitional Community
Ann Jacobs, Director, Prison Reentry Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Joanne Page, President and CEO, The Fortune Society
Rev. Darren Ferguson, National Director of Public Relations, Healing Communities