



CENTER FOR JAIL TRANSFORMATION

CHURCH TRAINING COURSE 2022

“Reaching the Mission Field Next Door”

COURSE ABSTRACT: This course prepares Christian church leaders (pastors) and members (volunteers) to engage in ministry in their local jail. It is a detailed course that provides both the framework for jail ministry and the details of exactly how to implement a program and be successful long-term. It is offered free-of-charge to the Body of Christ.

PRE-REQUISITES: C4JT has the following expectations and requirements for the course --

1. “The Activity of God”
 - A group of 4 to 5 local churches desire to learn how to minister (together) in their local jail. We expect 4 to 5 pastors and 2 volunteers per church, so 12-15 people.
 - Typically the project (group) is located in the capital city of the nation or state, or the main town or city in a county, with one or more jails or prisons nearby (in the community – not far away).
 - A local volunteer coordinator who will guide the training and follow-up efforts.
2. Technical Requirements
 - All participants (students) must have access to the Zoom application on their device and sufficient Internet capacity (speed, service, etc.) to participate in a live, interactive teaching environment. We can provide more details upon request.
3. Spiritual Requirements
 - As you will learn in the course, jail ministry is difficult and has certain risks. Anyone can take the course, but it is recommended for mature Christians who feel called to minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the outcasts of their community.

SYLLABUS: The course has seven chapters and takes 2.5 to 3 hours to complete. The chapters are: *The Church Training Model, The Mission Field Next Door, Training for Pastors, Training for Church Volunteers, Frequently-Asked Questions, A Look Into the Future, Next Steps*. Each student will receive a copy of all the course materials before the class. The course is led by an instructor from C4JT using the Zoom video meeting platform. The presentation is interactive, so that students can ask questions and make comments.

OTHER INFORMATION: Each participant will be required to register for the course at the C4JT website, www.LoveYourJail.com. They will be required to provide the church at which they are members and a valid email address when they register. Each participant will be asked to complete our online *Course Evaluation Form* after they have completed the course. The Zoom video meeting is recorded to make a record of the event and help improve future training sessions.

For more details or to ask for more information, go online to www.LoveYourJail.com.