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Involve and Develop leaders among United Methodist and the general public.

Throughout the past years, as Pastor of Evangelism and Outreach, I have had the desire to equip leaders and volunteers to be active within community ministries. One area of great need in most communities is a ministry to those who have been incarcerated, or those trying to re-enter society. Our student intern has had training and personal experience working in prison ministry as well as other social ministries, especially Human Trafficking.

During her time her, Jhanderys (Jhan) Dotel, our student has been able to offer events within the life of our congregation, with groups such as U.M. Women, Worship, Sunday School, Stephen Ministry and other such opportunities to expose our congregation to volunteer opportunities. She has been diligent in providing information regarding the ministry as well as the opportunity to change the lives of others, one at a time. Her conversations have also been forthright explaining some of the difficulties of ministry with many folks who have had life long issues from family abuse, addiction, etc.

Exposing our congregation and special interest groups to these ministers has been eye opening. Jhan has also participated with Reverend Larry Coleman in a mentoring program within Dauphin Country Prison. As her three month internship comes to an end next week, we have concluded with two remaining programs to invite members of our congregation who have been hearing about these ministries to now come forth to be trained and participate as long term mentors. Our constant reminder has been that our interaction and commitment to an individual may be the dynamic turning point to begin a new direction in their life. While such ministries do not usually attract large numbers of volunteers, I believe Jhan's commitment and efforts over the past few months has created a core of men and women who are now committed to train and become mentors. This is truly a dream come true to a ministry that is much needed. Most communities complain about prisons, work release etc. while at the same time these men and women are

members of our families and communities. The only way to turn the situation around is really one on one caring. While we are just at a beginning stage, I feel confident Calvary UMC will be moving forward in this ministry thanks to Jhan's leadership.

I extend my thanks to those who administer the Peace with Justice Grants for assisting Calvary to help form and shape a new ministry within the life of our congregation.

In Christ,

Rev. R. Jeffrey Fisher