



Resources on Incarceration in the United States

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Bureau of Justice Statistics

<http://www.bjs.gov/>

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"A Criminal Injustice System" by Nathan Schneider in "America" Magazine

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Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse

trac.syr.edu

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The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Exploring Causes and Consequences - National Resource Council - 2014

http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=18613



Why Are So Many in Prison - by Leon Neyfakh in "Slate" magazine
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/crime/2015/02/mass_incarceration_a_provocative_new_theory_for_why_so_many_americans_are.single.html

Prison Policy Initiative
<http://www.prisonpolicy.org/>

2014 report: "Ten Step Blueprint to End Mass Incarceration" - by law professor at U of Minnesota, Michael Tonry
<http://www.thecrimereport.org/news/inside-criminal-justice/2015-01-a-10-step-blueprint-to-end-mass-incarceration>

Ecclesial Resources:

Orthodox Church in America 2006 Report "Reaching Out: Prison Ministry in the Parish"
<http://oca.org/parish-ministry/commservice/reaching-out-prison-ministry-in-the-parish>

Alliance of Baptists - A Prophetic Call to Dismantle Mass Incarceration & the Criminalization of Race — Annual Meeting • May 3 2014
http://allianceofbaptists.org/documents/2014-Statement-on-Mass-Incarceration_mar_2014.pdf

National Baptist Convention - Envisioning the Future Exceptionally - Training Paradigm
<http://www.nationalbaptist.com/departments/prison-ministry/training-paradigm.html>

National Council of Churches - Common Witness - A Statement on the Disavowal of Torture
<http://www.nationalcouncilofchurches.us/common-witness/2005/torture.php>

National Council of Churches - Common Witness - A Social Creed for the 21st Century
<http://www.nationalcouncilofchurches.us/common-witness/2007/social-creed.php>

National Council of Churches - Common Witness - Abolition of the Death Penalty
<http://www.nationalcouncilofchurches.us/common-witness/1968/death-penalty.php>

Disciples of Christ - Prison Ministry webpage
<http://prisonministry.net/doc>

National Council of Churches - Common Witness - Challenges to the Injustices of the Criminal Justice System (*lists relevant scriptures in footnotes)
<http://www.nationalcouncilofchurches.us/common-witness/1979/criminal-justice.php>

Reformed Church in America General Synod 2014 Report of the Commission on Christian Action
<http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/docs/RCAMassIncarcerationReport.pdf>

Conference of Catholic Bishops Statement on Criminal and Restorative Justice
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/upload/background-on-criminal-and-restorative-justice-2014-01.pdf>



Christian Churches Together - 2014 Mass Incarceration Press Release
<http://christianchurchestogether.org/2014-mass-incarceration-press-release/>

Christian Churches Together - Response to Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" Biblical Study Guide for Small Groups
<http://christianchurchestogether.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/CCT-Dr.-Kings-Response-Study-Guide.pdf>

Christian Churches Together - A Response to Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"
<http://christianchurchestogether.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/CCT-Response-Letter-Birmingham-Jail.pdf>

Conference of Catholic Bishops Statement on Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice.
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm>

NCC Mass Incarceration Resource Page
<http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/about/massincarcerationpriority.php>

United Church of Christ - Criminal Justice home page
http://www.ucc.org/justice_criminal-justice_index

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - Hearing the Cries: Faith and Criminal Justice.
Web. May 2011.
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Criminal_JusticeSS.pdf

African Methodist Episcopal Church, Social Action Commission - Testimony before the United States Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, February 25th, 2014.
http://www.nrcat.org/storage/documents/reassessing-solitary-testimony-feb-2014/ame_social_action_testimony_feb25_2014.pdf

African Methodist Episcopal Board of Bishops – 2014 Open Letter condemning racism and linking race with mass incarceration
<http://www.westernamezion.org/>

Assemblies of God Chaplaincy Program for Incarceration
<http://chaplaincy.ag.org/correctional/>

National Association of Evangelicals Statement on Prison Reform
<http://www.nae.net/government-relations/for-the-health-of-the-nation/human-rights/prison-reform>

National Association of Evangelicals – “An Evangelical Perspective on Criminal Justice Reform”
<http://www.nae.net/government-relations/for-the-health-of-the-nation/human-rights/843-an-evangelical-perspective-on-criminal-justice-reform>

Unitarian Universalist webpage dedicated to Incarceration/Racial/Criminal Justice Reform
<http://www.uua.org/multiculturalism/208702.shtml>



[American Friends Service Committee](#) (AFSC) is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. AFSC has carried the concern for prisoners, as well as victims for many years, believing that even if a person is convicted of a crime, incarceration should not take away their inherent dignity or humanity.

[Grassroots Leadership](#) is a multi-racial team of organizers who community, labor, faith, and campus organizations think critically, work strategically and take direct action to end social and economic oppression, gain power, and achieve justice and equity. Grassroots Leadership believes that no one should profit from the incarceration of human beings and they work with communities across the country to abolish for-profit prisons, jails, and detention centers.

American Baptist Prisoner Re-Entry and Aftercare Ministry
http://www.nationalministries.org/justice_ministries/prisoner_re-entry/

[The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference](#) (SDPC) represents a cross section of progressive African American faith leaders and their congregations in the United States. SDPC has partnered with Dr. Michelle Alexander and other advocates to launch a public awareness campaign—a freedom movement—to address the New Jim Crow and mass incarceration in this nation.

United Methodist - Statement on the hearing of prison litigation reform:
http://www.savecoalition.org/newdev/United_Methodist_Church_Statement.pdf

United Methodist - Article on divestment from companies that profit from prison:
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/16/us/methodist-church-group-links-divestment-move-to-israel-and-a-firms-prison-role.html?_r=0

United Methodist Board of Church & Society partnering with “Healing Communities” program
<http://umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/social-justice-agency-forms-partnership-with-healing-communities>

