


PMUNY Quarterly Report to EMP March 1 2021

1. CoVid 19 continues to halt all volunteer programs inside NYS jails and prisons. Reportedly:
 - a) The numbers of staff and residents who have contacted the virus has been high.
 - b) Prison chaplains are just beginning to hold religious services again after almost a year.
 - c) Administering CoVid 19 inoculations has begun on "the inside".

Your ongoing prayers are encouraged for all who live and work in DOCCS and county jail facilities. Will you please ask your congregations to pray?

2. We have been in communication with prison chaplains and have sent them written spiritual material for their evaluation/consideration. PMUNY wants to communicate to incarcerated individuals that they are not forgotten despite the yearlong hiatus. We will be donating hundreds of copies of a daily devotional entitled "Jesus Calling" to prison chaplains for him/her to distribute as they wish. We are in the process of determining exact count to be donated at each facility. This is a sample of the acknowledgement that will be adhered to each daily devotional. Do you approve of the wording?



Prison Ministry of Upstate New York

This daily devotional is a gift for you from the Prison Ministry of Upstate New York (PMUNY). Our mission is to share Jesus' message of hope and healing. May this devotional strengthen your relationship with Jesus, yourself and others. When you read it, always remember you are loved and not forgotten. As Jesus said to his disciples "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26.

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3. **Given the budgetary constraints** our state is in due to the CoVid 19 pandemic, DOCCS budgets will be cut, resulting in the chaplain's budgets being cut also leaving chaplains unable to purchase the prayer materials typically used during weekly religious services. PMUNY has received a request from one chaplain asking if we could purchase prayer service (missalettes) and we have agreed to do so.
4. **As of February 26, 2021 our BALANCE is \$20,480.63.**
5. **Our primary goal for 2021:** In addition to resuming our programs "inside" as soon as safely possible PMUNY shall actively recruit and secure the commitment of at least 2 young adults and/or 2 culturally diverse adults resulting in a total of at least 4 new appointments to the PMUNY Ministry Team. **Is there anyone in your congregation that you might recommend we contact? Do you know anyone who might be interested**