

Quarterly Report To EMP  
December 5, 2022

## 1. Recent Activities:

- a) **Advent Mailing** posted November 13, 2022  
THANK YOU for the generous responses received to date.
- b) **Message of Hope** Project-see attachment. Several faith communities have been contacted. Some have agreed to share them with their faith communities, committees and youth groups. Hard copies will be available at the 12/5/22 EMP meeting. Kindly distribute as the Spirit moves you. Let me know if you need additional cards. I will be picking them up from areas churches/schools the week of December 12.
- c) **Share the Good News of PMUNY with a Friend-** cards. Copies are available at 12/5/22 EMP meeting. Consider giving a card to someone you think might want to learn more about prison ministry and enjoy getting involved.
- d) **Volunteer Recruitment**
  - We have welcomed several new members to our Leadership Team including 2 retired prison chaplains.
  - We are currently processing recent inquiries and orientating several potential new volunteers.
- e) **Houses Of Healing (HOH)**
  - We are currently in the 11<sup>th</sup> week of the 13 week “pilot” program at Attica. 15-20 men are attending each week. The chaplain has been very pleased with the program open to anyone regardless of religious affiliation.
  - The Chaplain at Albion women’s prison is using HOH books and “Making Time Count” (MTC)

workbooks, donated by PMUNY to run groups and encourage self-study of the HOH program.

- New Chaplain at Groveland is reviewing the HOH and MTC materials. We are waiting to confirm next steps.

f) **Residents Encounter Christ (REC)**

- RECs are in the initial stages of planning most likely for the Spring of 2023 at both Auburn Correctional and Wende Correctional...Dates yet TBD. Once determined PMUNY will inform you of the exact dates in hopes you might consider attending a HOOT.

As a faith-filled stranger, your anonymous note of prayerful support will brighten the spirit and perhaps help heal the heart of someone serving a prison sentence and in need of hope. Your prayerful thoughts and good wishes will bring encouragement in what is often a dark, difficult and dreary place. Your **Message of Hope** may reflect your belief in Jesus' message of love, mercy, healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. Your **Message of Hope** will remind an incarcerated individual that they are not forgotten but rather remembered in prayerful support and cared for by

people on the outside. Your **Message of Hope** will no doubt encourage him or her to continue his/her own faith journey growing closer to Christ.

a) Will you please write your "**Message of Hope**" on the card provided? Sign your **first name only** (no identifying information such as a phone number, address of a business or residence, name of a town or church). Return your "**Message of Hope** to the parish office or in the receptacle located in the narthex. Any person regardless of age may write or draw a picture on their **Message of Hope**

b) PMUNY will deliver all **Messages of Hope** to prison chaplains who will in turn deliver them to incarcerated individuals during this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness.



A MESSAGE OF *hope*

*Dear Friend in Christ,*

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*I believe **every human** being is valuable*

*and*

*I share in **Christ's message** of*

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