Prison Ministry of Upstate New York

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Quarterly Report to EMP March 2, 2020 Submitted By: Joyce, Ministry Leader

Recent Activities

- 1. Advent Mailing completed
- 2. **Website redesign** continues with pro bono services of web designer (Bri Jewell) and professional writer (Vicki Brown)
- 3. Houses of Healing (HOH) is a program offered in the Monroe County Jail by Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry. It has been financially supported by PMUNY for several years and I have served as a group facilitator of HOH for over a decade. Recently HOH was selected by personnel from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department as one of several community programs to participate in a new initiative geared to rehabilitate, mentor and support offenders with overall goal to reduce recidivisim. The name of the new initiative is **S.T.A.R.** It stands for "Strategic Training Advancing Re-Entry". It is being offered in the former Monroe Correctional Facility (MCF) which is next door to MCC. The MCF has been renamed the Andrew P. Meloni STAR Academy. See the front page article in the February 24, 2020 Democrat and Chronicle by News Reporter Gary Craig. It is an honor to participate as a facilitator in this groundbreaking approach to criminal justice which truly focuses on rehabilitation vs. punishment.
- 4. January 26-28, 2020 Marana , Arizona REC2 successfully completed
- 5. Fully Alive Retreat at Albion women's Prison completed in January.

- 6. You are invited to participate in a HOOT at any/all of the upcoming RECs:
- Attica-April 22-24, 2020...Hoot is April 23.
- Auburndate TBD-New Chaplain has been hired.
- Wende-May 15-17, 2020...HOOT is May 16
- Groveland October 2020...HOOT date TBD

Actions Requested:

- **1.** Please consider attending an upcoming HOOT
- **2. In Your Own Words.....** If you have been "inside" at all would you please write about your experience and share it with me at your earliest convenience for possible use on our new website?