

## Division of Prisons

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Nicole Sullivan, Manager  
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**FROM:** Robert C. Lewis, Director  
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**DATE:** December 2, 2011

**RE:** **JPS Oversight Meeting Follow-up**

Listed below is the follow-up information reference chaplains and volunteers in the Division of Prisons.

**1. The number of church or community supported chaplains, including the location of the prison facilities.**

Below is a listing of each facility by custody classification and facility where Community Funded Chaplains are assisting with religious services in the Division of Prisons.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Custody Classification</u>	<u>Funded by</u>	<u>Faith</u>
Western Youth CI	Closed	Rock of Ages Prison Ministry	Christian
Mountain View CI	Medium	Blue Ridge Prison Ministry	Christian
Craggy CC	Medium	Full Pardon Ministries	Christian
Caswell CC	Medium	N. C. District Assemblies of God	Christian
Avery Mitchell	Medium	High Country Prison Ministry	Christian
Fountain CCW	Minimum	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Christian
Rutherford CC	Minimum	Rutherford Co. Chaplaincy Committee	Christian
Catawba CC	Minimum	Catawba Prison Ministry	Christian
Davidson CC	Minimum	Davidson Prison Ministry	Christian
Lincoln CC	Minimum	Lincoln Prison Ministry	Christian

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Swannanoa CCW	Minimum	Presbytery of Western N. C.	Christian
Randolph CC	Minimum	Randolph Prison Chaplaincy Program	Christian
Forsyth CC	Minimum	Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry	Christian

Please note the fact that all of these chaplains are of the Christian faith. The Division of Prisons has fourteen (14) different approved religions within our system and facilities. While some of the Christian chaplains will accommodate other faiths, this lack of diversity does have an effect on the Agency's ability to provide chaplaincy services to the other thirteen (13) faith groups.

**2. The number of Community Volunteers working in prisons.**

The Division of Prisons has approximately 2500 volunteers who provide services to the inmate population. There are two different primary areas of volunteers who provide services to the Division of Prisons. The largest percentage of the volunteers enter the facilities and provide some type of religious service, such as bible study, prayer meetings or a religious program. These services are mainly of the Christian faith because this faith makes up the larger percentage of our volunteers. These volunteers mainly provide a religious service. They are not involved in the primary responsibilities of chaplains such as supervision and coordination of all religious activities for all faiths. The second area of volunteers are those that work generally with one inmate. These certified Community Volunteers serve as sponsors for inmates and are allowed to take the inmates into the community to attend such activities as church, educational and recreational activities.

**3. The number of prisons without volunteers.**

No Division of Prisons facility is without volunteers. We were not able to break out the volunteers by religious and secular volunteers.

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