

**7th International Conference on Human Rights & Prison Reform, April 25-29**  
**Courtyard Marriott San Jose Airport Alajuela, Costa Rica (506)2429-2700**

**Tuesday, April 25** (free shuttle from airport)

**Noon** Free lunch buffet in Hotel

**3 PM - 6 PM** Registration & hotel check-in

**6 PM - 9 PM** Self-Introductions followed by pizza & social

**Wednesday, April 26**

**4 AM - 9 AM** Free continental breakfast at Centro Restaurant in Hotel

**9 AM - 10:15 AM Global Panel** (First person listed will chair the ten panels)

Heidi Cerneka, 20+ years advocacy directly with incarcerated women in Brazil and working for structural change, "Overview: Implementation of Mandela Rules & Bangkok Rules"

Djeinzou Augustin Kassi, Executive Director of Ghana CURE International, "Priority Actions for a New & Global Prison Reform"

Mary Pat Donelan, Treasurer, Maryland CURE and Facilitator, I-WISH (Incarcerated Women Inside Seeking to Help), "Direct Experiences with Prisons and with Prisoners"

Jean Didier Mboyo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Vice-President of The International Prison Chaplains Association WORLDWIDE, "A Human Dignity and Faith Perspective on the Eradication of Poverty for the Incarcerated Population of the World"

**10:15 AM - 10:45 AM** Break

**10:45 - Noon Restorative Justice Panel**

Bruno Van Der Maat, Senior Professor, Prison Pastoral Care volunteer, "Ancient Practices of Restorative Justice"

Pius Nyakayiro, "Update on Restorative Justice in Rwanda"

Wayne Northey, Restorative Justice practitioner in Canada since 1975, "Restorative Justice: Then and Now"

Samuel Kawilila, CURE ZAMBIA-Community Leader-Restorative Justice Program, "Report on Restorative Justice in Zambia"

Maureen Donegan, Canada, Coordinator of Catholic Charities Justice Services, "Healing Circles of Support Program for Victims"

**Noon - 2 PM** Free lunch buffet in hotel

**2 PM - 3:15 PM Managing Prisons Panel**

John Clark, retired warden; assistant director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, USA; "A Warden Looks at Prison Reform"

Maurice Shahbaz, "Equal Rights for Prisoners in Pakistan"

Terri Leclercq, English professor, University of Texas; author, educational book for inmates; "Alternative Ways to Educate Inmates About Complaining"

Karen Lancaster-Ellis, University of the West Indies, "Pleasure vs An Application of Beccaria's Pleasure Pain Principle on the Convicted Prison Population of Trinidad and Tobago"

**3:15 PM - 3:45 PM** Break

**3:45 PM - 5 PM Treatment Panel**

Charlie Sullivan, USA, President of International CURE, "Sent to Prison As Punishment and Not for Punishment"

Leo Petrilli, Canada, career law enforcement officer, alcoholic in recovery, mental health advocate; "Mandela Rules: Parts of #30, #75 and #76 and Wethouses"

Bhanumathi Ivatury, USA, licensed social worker with experience counseling clients involved with the criminal justice system, "Who Is Getting Punished? Social Worker Perspective"

San Nguyen, retired chaplain in Oklahoma, "Personalities of Asian Prisoners, Especially Vietnamese Prisoners"

**5 PM - 7 PM** Supper (on your own)

**7 PM - 10 PM** Showing of Videos, DVDs on prison-related issues that participants have brought

**Thursday, April 27**

**4 AM - 9 AM** Free continental breakfast at Centro Restaurant in Hotel

**9 AM - 10:15 AM Prisons Programs Panel**

Bruno Van de Maat (chair and translator if needed)

Lymarie Nieves, volunteer cooperative educator in prison, "Cooperative Movement in Puerto Rico as Reformatory Model in Prisons"

Alan Vicens, ex-president of the first Coop in Prison administered by the inmates, "Cooperative & Education: Rehabilitation Behind Bars in Puerto Rico"

Francisco Rodes Gonzalez, prison chaplain, "Impact of the Volunteer Chaplains on the Life-Transforming Process in Cuban Prisons"

Miguel Feldens, Catholic volunteer in prisons, "Education in Prisons in Brazil"

**10:15 AM - 10:45 AM** Break

**10:45 - Noon** Family Panel

Tess Kimura, CPR (Japan) and PFA (Hong Kong) volunteer, "Visit in Prison: the Difference Between Japan and Hong Kong"

Alejandra Rosero, attorney who specializes in family detention, "U.S. Immigrant Detention System"

Martha Cicero, Argentina, "State System & Appearances, Torture-Norms & Daily Reality"

Nilda Martin, USA, "The Sentenced Prison Woman"

Samirah Armengol, Panama

**Noon - 1 PM** Free lunch buffet in hotel

**1 PM - 10 PM** Bus tour (tour of state prison, possible visit to Inter-American Court of Human Rights and some famous sites in San Jose). Will eat supper on tour with participants paying for what they order.

### **Friday, April 28**

**9 AM - 10:15 AM** Medical Panel

John May, USA, President, Health Through Walls, "Establishing Health Care Priorities in Prisons Around the World"

Mary Birdsong, medical director of state women's prison, "New Mexico Prisons: Status of Women Inmates"

Adrienne Shaw, drug & alcohol addiction led to incarceration, "Currently Mentoring Women Confined in Washington, DC "

Sam Kaplan, Co-Chair of Washington, DC-CURE, "Positive and Negative Medical Care Experiences During Incarceration"

**10:15 AM - 10:45 AM** Break

**10:45 - Noon Children Panel**

Jean Basinger, Chair of Iowa-CURE, "Eliminating Life Without Parole and Mandatory Minimum Sentencing for Juveniles in Iowa"

Sebastian Thekkanath, cofounder of Prison Ministry India, "Treatment Today of Children in Criminal Justice in India"

Carla Dawson, Board member of Iowa-CURE, "Teaching Young People the Circle Process as an Alternative to Violence in Resolving Conflict"

Mariko Katsuyama, member of Amnesty International Japan and a local citizens' group, "The Death Penalty in Japan"

**Noon - 2 PM** Free lunch buffet in hotel

**2 PM - 3:15 PM Reentry Panel**

Hans Hallundbeck, twenty years as New York State Prison volunteer educator and chaplain, "A new local and national community initiative in the USA: 'Adopt your local Prison'"

Daniel Shea, USA, formerly incarcerated, "Prisoners' Social Contributions through the Arts"

Simplex Chithyola, CURE-Malawi Leader (human rights defender and activist for prison reform), "Life after Prison: the Pride of a Reformed Prisoner"

Charles Thornton, USA, released and has lived a productive drug-free life the last 27 years, "Post-Release Options"

**3:15 PM - 3:45 PM** Break

**3:45 PM - 5 PM CURE Chapters Panel**

Dianne Tramutola-Lawson, Chair of Colorado-CURE since August 1990, "Just a Little Ol' Volunteer Job: Over 25 years As Chair of Colorado-CURE"

Lea Green, mother of a lifer and leader of Maryland-CURE, "Mass Incarceration in this Country! Highest in the World"

Carla Peterson, Chair of Virginia-CURE, "Taking Over a Chapter After It Has Been Established"

**5 PM - 7 PM** Supper (on your own)

**7 PM - 10 PM** Open Mike (any participant can sign up to speak on any prison reform-related topic. Length of talk will depend on how many sign up.)

**Saturday, April 29 (free shuttle to airport)**

**4 AM - 10 AM** Free continental breakfast at Centro Restaurant in Hotel