## **Shared Resources for "Just Mercy" Movie Night**

(from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Racial Justice Team)

Interested in learning more about mass incarceration, policing reform or restorative justice?

- PLEASE sign our attendance list to get related news from POP's Racial Justice Team!
- Here are just a few of the many resources available (videos, articles, and a virtual event)
  - Equal Justice Initiative (Bryan Stevenson's organization featured in "Just Mercy" which provides legal representation to prisoners who may have been wrongly convicted of crimes, poor prisoners, and others who may have been denied a fair trial.) See their website eji.org for MANY related articles.
  - The Innocence Project works to free the innocent, prevent wrongful convictions, and create fair, compassionate, and equitable systems of justice for everyone. One resource is "Books that Inspired the Innocence Project in 2021: Fifteen books to level up your understanding of justice and equity," by Alicia Maule at <a href="https://innocenceproject.org/best-books-2020-innocence-project/">https://innocenceproject.org/best-books-2020-innocence-project/</a>
  - Rev. Erich Kussman (formerly incarcerated Lutheran pastor in our partner church in Trenton)..hear some of his story in The Redeemed: From Prison to Preacher <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m</a> W09K0lucY
  - A Voice from Prison (personal true stories by prisoners to build understanding) <a href="https://avoicefromprison.com/2022/03/26/post-11-transit-during-covid-19-part-1/">https://avoicefromprison.com/2022/03/26/post-11-transit-during-covid-19-part-1/</a>
  - Vera Institute of Justice (a national organization of advocates, researchers and activists working to end mass incarceration) <a href="https://www.vera.org/news/covid-19-restrictions-may-be-easing-but-in-prison-were-still-here-alone">https://www.vera.org/news/covid-19-restrictions-may-be-easing-but-in-prison-were-still-here-alone</a>
  - American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU recommended programs "100 Years of Racism in U.S. Policing" at this link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...</a> and How Do We End Racism In Policing at <a href="https://youtu.be/Gy7QRZ4uMu0">https://youtu.be/Gy7QRZ4uMu0</a>
  - Salvation and Social Justice (SandSJ, a NJ Black Faith-based organization seeking to liberate public policy theologically, Restorative Justice is one focus)
    - Watch a recording of Trenton's 1st Restorative Justice Hub meeting 5/3/22

- https://www.facebook.com/SandSJ.org/videos/558507699023 807
- Register for their upcoming virtual event as described here: Police need to be held accountable for the violence against Black communities. Join us on Thursday, May 26th to learn how to hold police accountable. https://bit.ly/BlackFaithCaseforPoliceAccountability

Do you want to DO something to be part of the change?

- Volunteer at Work Well, Trenton program for recently released, assists with their adjustment to freedom by helping them with relationship building, interview skills, work and life skills, etc. Email info@workwellpartnership.org for info or to help. Opportunities include providing lunches, program development, advisory boards...
- Volunteer with Prison Fellowship (Christians supporting relationships between the incarcerated and their families. Angel Tree Program includes camps, sports, Christmas gifts for children of prisoners <a href="https://www.prisonfellowship.org/">https://www.prisonfellowship.org/</a>.)

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