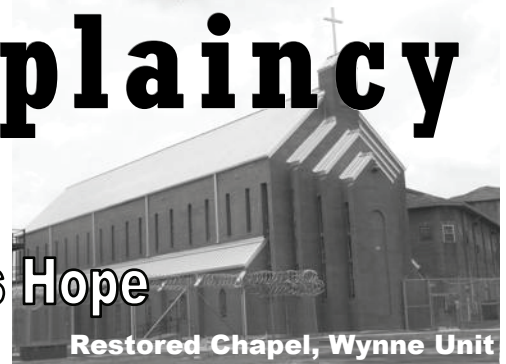


Save Texas Chaplaincy It Saves Money

and Challenges, Cares, and Gives Hope

Chaplaincy Savings and Superlatives Seem without End



Total Cost Recovery — How Many Times Over?

1. First Amendment Rights Must be Managed

Religion will *always* be in prison, and the time pulled from staff for managing could cost as much as a Chaplain's salary. TDCJ's sophisticated Chaplaincy policy and trained Chaplains help fairness and avoid the dominance of sectarian interests.

2. Litigation Savings Alone Recovers Cost

Sophisticated Chaplaincy policy exists from 100+ years of legal battles — the staff pulled to handle this would consume more time than the cost of an up-to-date Chaplain. Inmates sue.

3. Volunteers will ALWAYS be Coordinated by Staff

The Chaplains coordinate 17,000+ religious volunteers for 400k+ hours a year, which means \$10+ million savings by the Independent Sector — statistics habitually hidden on prison Chaplaincy nationwide — Total Cost Recovery in this venue alone!

4. Recidivism—Religion Changes People

If a single prisoner is kept from returning, a Chaplain's entire salary is covered. Yet, inestimable, the FAITH of the Chaplains, Volunteers, and most Legislators testify, whether Christianity, Catholicism, Islam, Judaism, and whatever, Religion CHANGES people, and herein the COST savings alone to Recidivism covers the cost of Chaplains TEN-FOLD, if not a HUNDRED-FOLD!

5. Literature Consumables Equal Salary

The donated literature consumables and Bibles used by offenders that Chaplains facilitate tally to more than their annual salary.

and people die — who is *supposed* to be there?

The hurting side of prison — the precious families — notifications of death and critical illness will take place and that should not be a sloppy affair. More than money, the inmates and their law-abiding families need staff Chaplains sensitive to the heart.

The Threat —

For the first time in Texas history, House Bill 1 eliminates the Texas Prison Chaplaincy Program, a legislative process kicked off with a prayer. We must not let this happen.

Whatever else happens in the Senate and House, we have come together to Save Texas Prison Chaplaincy.

What this is NOT —

Chaplaincy is NOT funding for sectarian religion; it is funding for the defense of the First Amendment. NOT funding for play time in the Chapel, but serious faith observance. Chaplaincy is NOT about denigrating any faith in particular, but is about networking with and facilitating fine Religious Volunteers throughout Texas.

What this IS about —

Cost Savings, with a heart. Full of savings and superlatives — in 2004 staff Chaplains facilitated over 400,000 volunteer hours, 82,000+ programs 1.5M attending, and 26,000+ death/illness messages. The 17,000+ Religious Volunteers, 150,000+ inmates and 1,000,000+ law-abiding family members deserve a caring professional who understands deep religious conviction!

With such Cost Savings — Is there a MORE productive program in ALL of Texas?

See the web site for FACTS!

Those who CONNECT help a lot ... those who help others CONNECT help more ...

Will You Help? KEY — CONNECT with your Texas Representative and Senator — by visit, phone, letter, email, facebook. For links to Legislators, Resources, and Facts:

➔ www.PreciousHeart.net/Save_Chaplaincy.htm

TIME — We don't have much time ... only 1-2 months. Get with your Legislator!