



## SHATTERING THE SILENCE

### **Faith organizations working on criminal justice reform.**

#### **Friends Of Iowa Women Prisoners**

An informal group welcoming all interested persons. Seeks to educate group members and others about issues related to incarceration of women in Iowa and how to contribute to positive outcomes. Meets the third Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 pm, Wesley United Methodist Church, 800 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa. For more information:

[www.FriendsofIowaWomenPrisoners.org](http://www.FriendsofIowaWomenPrisoners.org) ; Peggy Urtz [p.urtz@att.net](mailto:p.urtz@att.net)

#### **Iowa Justice Action Network**

Advocating for criminal justice reform in Iowa. Focused currently on the disproportionality of African Americans among the incarcerated and the impact of police and prosecutors. For more information: [IowaJusticeActionNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:IowaJusticeActionNetwork@gmail.com)

#### **Iowa CURE (Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants)**

Committed to advocacy and the success of Iowa's inmates with members in and out of the prison system. Offers legal services, accepts phone calls from prisoners, and corresponds with prisoners by letters. Attends monthly meetings of the Iowa Department of Corrections. Meets four times a year with a guest speaker from the Corrections community. For more information: [www.iowacure.org](http://www.iowacure.org) ; [iowacure@gmail.com](mailto:iowacure@gmail.com) ; Iowa Cure P.O. Box 41005, Des Moines 50311.

#### **Voices to Be Heard**

Statewide support group for families, friends, and children that have loved ones who are incarcerated. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Des Moines. For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/voicestobeheardofiowa/>; Melissa Gradischnig at [vtbhiowa@yahoo.com](mailto:vtbhiowa@yahoo.com)

#### **Interfaith Alliance of Iowa**

##### **Faithful Voices for Racial Justice**

Our nation has much work to do in understanding and dismantling racism, the role that religion played historically and today, and the continued privilege white people benefit from through systemic racism. Faithful Voices for Racial Justice, a project of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, was created to start conversations with faith leaders and faith communities (particularly white faith communities) promote learning, work together, and take action. For more information:

[www.faithful-voices.org/taking-action](http://www.faithful-voices.org/taking-action) ; Connie Ryan at [connie@interfaithallianceiowa.org](mailto:connie@interfaithallianceiowa.org)