



*Moment
in Time*

Celebrating 65 Years of Hope and Healing

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) celebrated 65 years of fulfilling our mission to provide support, hope, and healing to children in the Juvenile Justice System at its Moment in Time (MIT) Gala on October 23, 2019 at Greenbriar Hills Country Club! It was a wonderful night with entertainment from the UMSL Jazz Ensemble during our reception prior to the dinner program which featured guest speaker Dr. Thomas Beckner and honoree Ms. Cheryl Campbell.

ECM used this event as in past years to educate our attendees about our mission, chaplaincy, and the juvenile justice system in the St. Louis metropolitan community. This year our guest speaker was Dr. Beckner, who is a recognized authority on correctional chaplaincy and author of *Correctional Chaplains: Keepers of the Cloak*. His book is a training material used by ECM chaplains as a source of best practices to be used by chaplains. Dr. Beckner spoke to the MIT audience about how chaplains provide for the spiritual needs of those they serve and the importance of pastoral counseling and maintaining a ministry of presence. Dr. Beckner not only spoke at MIT, the morning after he presented a seminar called *Correctional Ministry in an Era of Challenges*. (Please see the article on the next page for more information about the seminar.)

ECM had the privilege during our dinner program to honor, Ms. Cheryl Campbell, who recently retired from the St. Louis Family Court after 42 years. Cheryl spent 24 years as the superintendent of the St. Louis County Detention Center and was very supportive of ECM's chaplains and our work with the children. During the honoring of her, Cheryl spoke about what the children have said about the chaplains and what they do for them. She was able to bring to life the way chaplains impact the children they serve and why we need to be in the detention centers. ECM Chair Mark Jordan presented Cheryl with a gift demonstrating ECM's appreciation and thanksgiving for her partnership with us. The MIT audience was so moved by Cheryl's service and comments that they gave her a standing ovation. We will miss working with Cheryl but wish her a very well-deserved retirement!



Dr. Thomas Beckner,
Guest Speaker

Mark Jordan, ECM Chair &
Ms. Cheryl Campbell, Honoree



Thank you to all who attended this year's Moment in Time and to everyone who worked to make the event successful and a great celebration. A net profit of over \$52,000 was raised for the children. Special thanks to Ernest Sharpe Photography for being our pro bono photographer at MIT.



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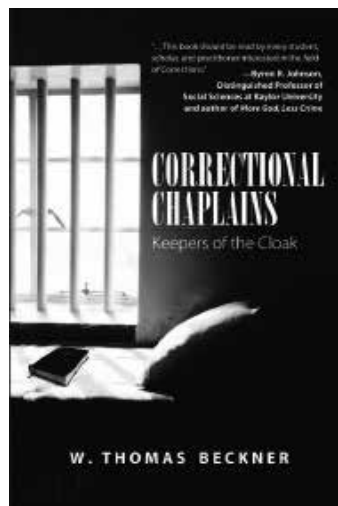
Correctional Ministry in an Era of Challenges

Key Presenter: Dr. Thomas Beckner

ECM sponsored a free, three-hour seminar on correctional ministry on October 24 at Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood, MO. It was open to all, regardless of their faith practice. Dr. Thomas Beckner, guest speaker at ECM's Moment in Time gala the evening before, served as the key presenter at the seminar.

The seminar was attended by over 30 persons with about half being chaplaincy staff from Missouri's state correctional facilities (Farmington, Moberly, Bowling Green, etc.) and the director and chaplain residents from St. Luke's Hospital. The remaining attendees were priests and parishioners from the Diocese of Missouri, along with ECM board and staff members.

It was a great opportunity to introduce the adult correctional chaplains to the work being done by ECM. The seminar also allowed correctional chaplains to gather and learn from one another and to educate those interested in correctional ministry. It was noted by several of the attendees that continuing education and clinical pastoral training opportunities for correctional chaplains are few, which assisted in the large attendance. In addition, Dr. Beckner was well known by some of the attendees and, in fact, one actually worked for him in the past.



Dr. Beckner is a recognized authority on correctional chaplaincy, having served in a variety of roles in the criminal justice arena for over 30 years. He manages Chaplaincy Solutions, dedicated to enhancing the delivery of correctional chaplaincy services by providing professional resources and ongoing support. Dr. Beckner is also the author of *Correctional Chaplains: Keepers of the Cloak*.

WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES

ECM's Young Professionals Group hosted its 2nd Annual Walk-a-thon on Saturday, September 21 at St. Louis University High School's track near the St. Louis Science Center on Oakland Avenue. Supporters gathered on this Saturday morning to raise funds, have fun, and yes, get some exercise!



**Please help
Episcopal City
Mission
continue one
of our
greatest
traditions**

ECM believes that children in the juvenile justice system should know the magic of the holiday season. With your help, ECM wants to make sure that all the youth we serve have at least one gift to unwrap. This year we hope to provide about 100 children in the juvenile justice system with gifts!

The message they receive is the true gift: someone cares about them and believes they can change their life paths.

**Please see the
back cover of this
newsletter for how
you can help!**



HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY!

The 2019 **Summer Celebration** was once again a "birthday party" themed event held on Friday, June 21 at Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood, MO. The family-friendly event was designed to replicate ECM's monthly birthday parties at the STL City and County Detention Centers and provided by volunteers from sponsoring churches to celebrate birthdays of the children we serve. Like the detention birthday parties, Summer Celebration included pizza, birthday cake, Ted Drewes custard and bingo! We also had silent auction items, kids' raffle items and a fabulous balloon artist from *Way Cool Balloons!*

Thank you to Janis Greenbaum, Director of Communications, Diocese of Missouri, for photos from these two events.

**WATCH FOR ALL OF ECM'S 2020 FUNDRAISERS
AND PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!**

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Does your employer match your donations to organizations like ours?

You can double your impact by using your employer's donation matching program!

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

ECM makes sure that each child we serve receives at least one wrapped gift during the holidays.

The message the children receive from the Holiday Gift Program is that ***they are beloved children of God, someone cares about them and believes they have the power to change their life's path.***

You are invited to help us wrap gifts for the children!

Monday, December 16

11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

9 South Bompert Ave., Webster Groves 63119

A light lunch is provided.

Please RSVP

314.436.3545 or ecmdirectorstl@gmail.com

Holiday Wish List for the Youth in Detention

* GIFT CARDS

Amazon
Target
Walmart
Old Navy

* GAMES

(No Dice, please)

Sorry
Scrabble
Connect 4
UNO

High Quality
Chess Sets

100 to 500 Piece
Jigsaw Puzzles

* ACTIVITY BOOKS

Word Search Books
(No Sudoku or Crossword)

Coloring Books
and Crayons

Composition Notebooks
(Black Covers Only)

* OTHER

Individually
Wrapped Candy
(No Lollipops, Peanuts
or Gum)

PG-13 or Younger DVDs
(Sports & Action
Movies Suggested)



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