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Dear Colleague:

Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries has faithfully led our Conference in prison ministry for the past 21 years. Now God is doing a new thing in the life of this fruitful ministry. Following a time of prayer and spiritual discernment, DBOM has reemerged with a new vision, a new mission, a new name and a renewed passion to minister to our prison population. We are thankful to celebrate this rebirth and I am proud to announce the relaunch of Cross and Key Prison Ministries! Why Cross and Key? We are reconciled through the cross of Christ and set free by the truth of God's Word.

Cross and Key Prison Ministries will continue to equip churches for prison ministry but will assume a greater role by providing education on criminal justice issues for our local churches and advocacy for prison reform in keeping with our social principles. Cross and Key Prison Ministries will take the lead in creating a team of advocates for prison reform, will provide resources on prison ministry opportunities for our local congregations, will be a place to which our pastors and laity can turn when needing assistance with criminal justice issues and will broaden her role to resource, not just the Disciple prison ministry, but all conference supported prison ministries. The vision of Cross and Key Prison Ministries is **"Ministry to the incarcerated; Working for a more just society."**

I encourage you to pray for this exciting new ministry. I also encourage you to aid in the relaunch by receiving a Conference Wide Special Offering for *Cross and Key Prison Ministries* on October 24 (or a Sunday that is more suitable). The prophet Micah exhorts us to *"Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8

Jesus tells us that when we are in ministry to persons who are incarcerated, we are doing it unto him. Matthew 25:40. Your offering of support to Cross and Key Prison Ministries on October 24 will help us to not only be hearers of God's word but also to be *"doers of God's word."* (James 1:22)

For more information about *Cross and Key Prison Ministries* please visit:

**[www. CrossandKeyPrisonMinistries.com](http://www.CrossandKeyPrisonMinistries.com)**

Donations may be mailed to: Cross and Key Prison Ministries, PO Box 358, Oak Island, NC 28465  
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Together, let's join God in what God wants to do to care for the over 30,000 men and women in prison throughout NC. Together, let's work for a more just society. Together, let's address the inequities of our criminal justice system and become advocates for reform. Together, let's be doers of God's word.

Shalom,

Bishop Leonard E. Fairley