Interested in learning more about mass incarceration?

MCC Resources:

Video: Mass Incarceration and the Christian Mandate:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nxp8XKrtKJk

Dive into the definitions of mass incarceration and why Christians should involve themselves in the finding solutions

Intersections: Accompanying People in Prison, Countering Mass Incarceration:

“Takes us further on the journey of compassion and justice for persons too often rendered invisible in our society—specifically, those incarcerated and formerly incarcerated persons who are, and remain, our neighbors” – from the introduction of newsletter

Article: https://www.circleofhope.net/benwhite/playing-you-got-booked/

While You Got Booked is not currently available due to COVID19, you can learn about the experience from this article by Ben White and plan one for later in the year.

Advocacy: https://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington

Learn about what MCC is currently doing in Washington on issues of mass incarceration.

MCC does not necessarily endorse all the views in the links provided.

Online Resources:

Ted Talk: What if we ended the injustice of bail?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B24RaqA33k

Robin Steinberg outlines the plan for The Bail Project -- an unprecedented national revolving bail fund to fight mass incarceration – from Ted website

Animation: Slavery to Mass Incarceration https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4e_djVSag4

A visual representation of how the United States came to have mass incarceration

Movie: College Behind Bars https://www.pbs.org/show/college-behind-bars/

Explore the transformative power of education through the eyes of a dozen incarcerated men and women trying to earn college degrees – and a chance at new beginnings – from one of the country’s most rigorous prison education programs. – from PBS website
Movie: Pushout, The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools  
https://www.pbs.org/show/pushout-criminalization-black-girls-schools/  

*Take a deep dive into the practices, cultural beliefs and policies that disrupt one of the most important factors in girls' lives: education – from pbs website*

Podcast: Ear Hustle  
Ear Hustle: https://www.earhustlesq.com/  

*The daily realities of life inside prison shared by those living it, and stories from the outside, post-incarceration – from website*

**Movies:**

13th (available on Netflix)  

*The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime. (Wikipedia)*

Just Mercy (available on Amazon Prime and DVD)  

*It tells the true story of Walter McMillian, who, with the help of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson, appeals his murder conviction. (Wikipedia)*

**Books:**

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander  
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson  
Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults) by Bryan Stevenson  
Ministry of Ordinary Places: Waking Up to God’s Goodness Around You by Shannan Martin  
Rethinking Incarceration by Dominique Gulliard  
Novel: An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

**For Kids:**

Videos and Articles: https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/incarceration/  

*Various ways to engage kids who have incarcerated loved ones and those who don’t on the topic.*