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## SPEAKER'S BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

TOPIC: JAIL MINISTRY

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### DESCRIPTION OF YOUR OFFERING:

Is everyone in jail a criminal? How can you be kind to people who have done horrible things? Have you ever been scared at work? How many people in jail struggle with addiction? Why do people commit crimes? What does it feel like to work inside the jail? Does the staff respect the work you do? How do you handle the stories and the pain you hear? Do you think we should build a new jail? How many incarcerated people deserve to be in jail? How do you speak about God in such a dismal place? If you or your congregation are asking questions like these about the Dane County Jail and the men and women serving time and working within the jail, then I encourage you to invite Chaplain Christa Fisher for a conversation, lecture, and/or sermon.

Chaplain Christa is employed by the Madison Area Jail Ministry, an ecumenical organization funded by local faith communities. She, along

with Chaplain Julia Weaver provide, spiritual care to an interfaith population of more than 13,000 incarcerated men and women each year. She regularly preaches and speaks about her experience as the Men's Chaplain, sharing a humanizing message about God's beloved children behind bars and educating congregations and organization on some of the injustices within our current criminal justice system.

Christa Fisher is the Chaplain to the Men of the Dane County Jail. She officially assumed this position in September of 2015 after graduating from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA. While a student at Wartburg, Christa served as a Chaplain Intern and then substitute chaplain. She co-facilitates the Backyard Mosaic Women's Project, an art-based spirituality group for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women. She also leads the Sisterhood of Saints and Sinners, a worshipping community for women with histories of incarceration. And she has lead and continues to lead projects which help identify and heal both victims and perpetrators of human trafficking within the Dane County Jail.