



Religious Leaders' Dialogue on the DEATH PENALTY



March 14, 2013 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
2717 West Hefner Road -- Oklahoma City

Start the Conversation With Your Congregation

Capital punishment remains a controversial subject for many people. However, in co-operation with Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, OCC is co-hosting a forum for religious leaders to discuss the issue. The panel will provide up-to-date, factual information about the death penalty.

OCC has produced a new theological statement on the death penalty.

The statement has been signed by the heads of all OCC Communion and is currently being distributed widely.

Participants will discuss issues such as whether it is appropriate to preach on the topic and if so, how and develop creative ways to study and use this OCC *Theological Statement* within local congregations or other faith communities.

To download the *OCC Theological Statement on the Death Penalty*, visit www.okchurches.org/in-the-know.

Featured Speakers



The Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee

Executive Director, Oklahoma Conference of Churches

Ms. Lydia Polley

Co-Chair, Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

The Rev. Michael Girlinghouse

Bishop, AR-OK Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

The Rev. Dr. J.A. Reed, Jr.

Senior Pastor, Fairview Missionary Baptist Church - OKC

The Rev. Adam Leathers

Director, Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries

The event is free but pre-registration is encouraged.

On-line registration: www.okchurches.org/upcoming-events or call 405-525-2928

Think on these things.



Each of the facts below addresses a common misperception.

Use them to stimulate civil dialogue.

- 142 Death Row prisoners have been exonerated (10 in Oklahoma).
- The death penalty costs more money than life imprisonment due to the expense of trials and automatic appeals.
- FBI statistics verify the death penalty is not a deterrent to violent crime.
- Minority defendants are more likely than white defendants to be sentenced to death for the same crimes.
- The death penalty punishes primarily those who kill whites.
- Over 99% of death row prisoners are indigent, although persons of all income levels commit murder.
- Many families of murder victims oppose the death penalty.

For more information see www.okcadp.org.