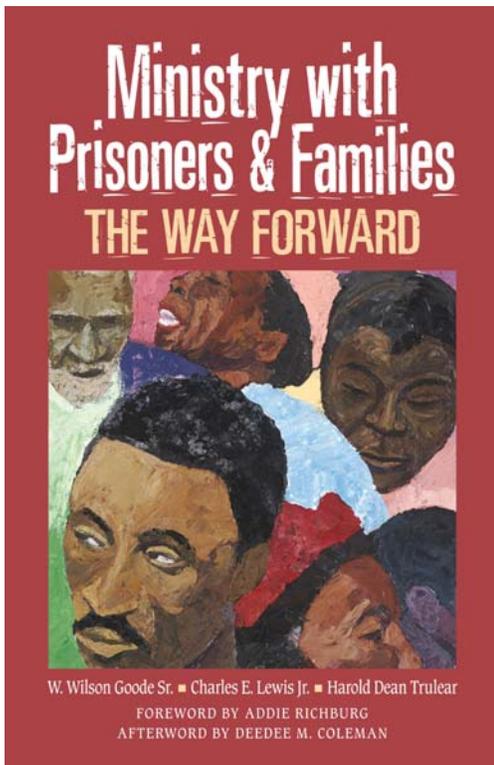


# New Book Guides Church Response to the Incarceration Crisis in the Black Community



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- Deborah Jackson-Meyers – founder and executive director, Breaking the Chain Foundation
- Madeline McClenney-Sadler – president and founder of Exodus Foundation.org
- Keith Reeves – associate professor and faculty director, Center for Social and Policy Studies, Swarthmore College
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