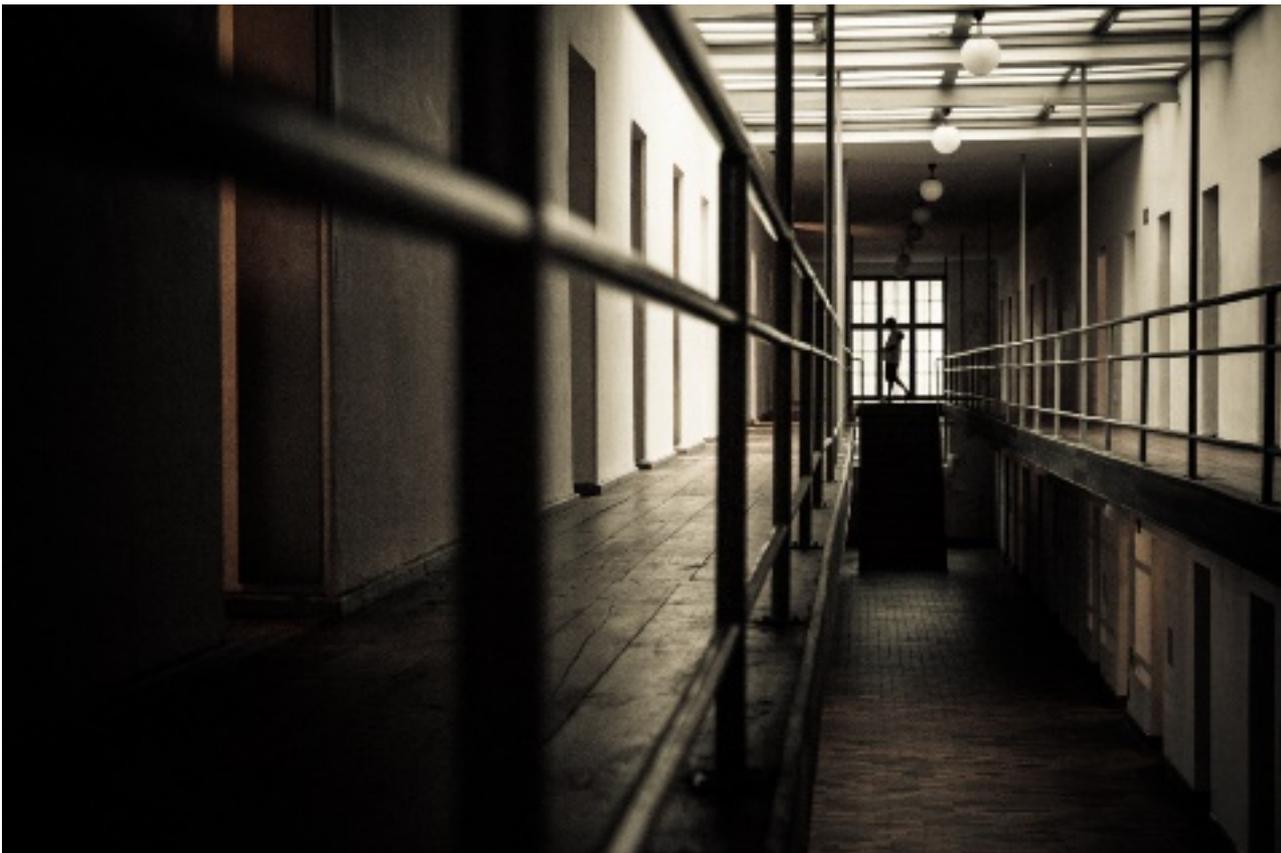




JP Alert

Conference of Major Superiors of Men

Criminal Justice Reform Decision



This week the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives will be deciding whether to bring the criminal justice reform bills up for a vote this September. Our interfaith coalition is organizing for our networks to contact our representatives urging them to have this vote before the elections.

There is agreement that our criminal justice system does not work, breaks families and communities, and costs the taxpayer far too much! If these vital reforms come to the floor we would see meaningful change in the lives of thousands—and set the tone to help millions in the future.

ACTION: [Email](#) or [call](#) your Representative and urge them to vote on and support

these bills below.

Background:

These bills move us away from a system of retribution to a system of redemption. The Speaker and a bipartisan group of legislators would like to bring this package to the floor later this month. We need to make sure politics doesn't get in the way of Congress creating a more just justice system! Although these reforms do not do everything, they take a substantial, important first step in decreasing harmful mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent offenders (Sentencing Reform Act H.R.3713); improve facilities across the federal system (Recidivism Risk Reduction Act H.R.759); and provide grants to nonprofits in states to provide much needed support for reentering citizens (Second Chance Act H.R.3406).



Syria Day of Action and Prayer

Sept. 21, 2016

We encourage you to participate in this very important day and join the movement for a just peace. You can participate by:

- An Interfaith Prayer Service will be held at the Community Church of New York on September 21st at 5:00 p.m. Join us!
- Use the this [Toolkit of resources](#) with educational backgrounders on just peace, nonviolent resistance, etc. and to plan a prayer service or other activity in your community in conjunction with the day.
- Your congregation, organization or community can endorse the interfaith [Call for an End to the War in Syria](#), which will be issued at a press conference prior to the service. To endorse, contact GlobalDayforSyria@gmail.com.
- Like and follow GDAPS us on social media at [Facebook.com/GlobalDayForSyria](https://www.facebook.com/GlobalDayForSyria) or using [#GlobalDayForSyria](https://twitter.com/GlobalDayForSyria).

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