

*Charis is Active*  
in these Minnesota prisons

**STATE PRISONS**

MCF – Shakopee  
MCF – Faribault

**FEDERAL PRISONS**

FMC – Rochester  
FCI – Sandstone  
FCI - Waseca

*How to become involved with  
Charis Prison Ministry*


**SERVE ON A TEAM**

Team-application requirements and forms are available on the Charis website: [www.charismn.com/application.php](http://www.charismn.com/application.php)

**MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION**

Make checks payable to: Charis of Minnesota, Inc., and mail to address below.

**FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK**

[www.facebook.com/CharisPrisonMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/CharisPrisonMinistry) 

**PRAY FOR CHARIS**

Pray for our ministry and for individual prison weekends. A list of weekends can be viewed at: [www.charismn.com/weekends.php](http://www.charismn.com/weekends.php)



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# Charis of Minnesota

PRISON MINISTRY



Charis is a non-denominational Christian ministry that presents God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ to inmates in Minnesota correctional institutions.

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

~Matthew 25:40

## *Charis - An Overview*

Charis prison ministry is patterned after Cursillo, "a non-denominational short course in Christianity."

Charis teams are comprised of men and women clergy and lay volunteers at most institutions. Team members are selected and trained by Charis leadership and approved by correctional institutions.

Through a systematic, structured, Christ-centered program, residents of correctional institutions are given the opportunity to experience spiritual renewal and to accept God's call to live a life of Christian witness and service to one another during their stay in the institution and beyond.

## *The Charis Weekend*

A Charis weekend in a prison is centered around 13 talks by clergy and lay volunteers over a three-day period.

Talks focus on living the Christian life, based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The motto of Charis is "Listen, Listen, Love, Love."

Careful listening and unconditional loving are perhaps the two most important skills of team members.

A weekend includes music and singing, worship, small group sharing, prayer and an Act of Remembrance service.

At most Charis weekends, team members spend approximately 12 hours at the prison each day and are housed overnight in an area church or motel.

## *Charis Reunions*

Charis monthly reunions are open to all residents of the institution who wish to attend.

At a reunion, institution residents and Charis volunteers come together to worship, hear inside and outside witness talks, sing and pray. Volunteers working Charis teams commit to attending reunions for the 12 months following a weekend.

## *Team Formation*

Team members must have participated in a three-day Charis- or Cursillo-type weekend (Unidos en Cristo, Via de Cristo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus, etc.), either in prison or on the outside. Volunteers must also submit a Charis team-application form and be approved by the state or federal prison administration.

## *Leadership & Funding*

Charis of Minnesota, Inc. is governed by a 15-member board of directors that meets monthly.

Charis weekends and ongoing programs are funded through individual donations and by financial gifts from churches and community organizations.

Charis of Minnesota, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 ministry and all gifts are tax deductible by IRS standards.

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