



This is what a prison A.A. meeting looks like if we don't show up.

I think I need a meeting.

Ever had that thought? Whenever those of us on the 'outside' start feeling that way, we are probably just a short car ride or a walk to the computer away from one. Not so for our brothers and sisters behind the walls of our local prisons. The only meetings they are able to attend are the ones we bring to them.

A.A. members who take part in prison commitments will tell you that they feel a deep sense of gratitude for the rewards and satisfaction they get from participating in this service work. They will tell you how much it contributes to their own spiritual growth, and how they wish they had volunteered sooner than they did. They will also tell you how grateful the people on the inside are to be able to be a part of the fellowship and to work the program with their A.A. brothers and sisters.

Prison A.A. meetings in Rhode Island currently take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the men's ACI facilities, and Monday and Thursday evenings at the ACI's women's prison. We have also begun a bi-weekly men's meeting at the Wyatt Detention Center in Central Falls, but there is a great need for additional volunteers if we are going to be able to sustain a viable A.A. program there.

One.Hour.Per.Month. Maybe two, if you count the commuting time. That's all it takes to give back what has been freely given to us in a very meaningful way. Think of it as an additional monthly A.A. meeting for yourself!

Questions? Email us at correctionschair@aainri.com. Ready to sign up? Go to aainri.com/corrections and scroll down to the section titled *A.A. Prison Meetings in Rhode Island*, where you'll find links and instructions. Or email us at correctionschair@aainri.com and we will send you the application and info. Do it! You'll be glad you did.

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