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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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SERVING WITH COMPASSION: MAIC HOSTS ANNUAL JAIL CHAPLAINCY TRAINING



In March, MAIC held the annual mandatory training for the volunteers serving in the ministry of the Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program. We had 244 participants this year, strengthening the volunteer engagement within Metro Jail and expanding the Chaplaincy Program capacity to serve our incarcerated neighbors. Community response has been overwhelmingly supportive. The MAIC Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program has become the model for other programs around the country, and we want to thank every participant for their time, commitment, and compassion. The program would not exist without the volunteers. We also thank the Mobile County Sheriff's Office for their support and commitment to bringing interfaith support to those incarcerated at Metro Jail. If you have considered volunteering in the jail ministry but unable to attend the training in March, please call or email the MAIC office and request to be notified of the training next year. In the meantime, we welcome volunteers in our post-release program, The Neighbor Center.

Call or email for more information. CHAPLAINCY@MobileAreaInterfaith.org

TheNeighborCenter@MobileAreaInterfaith.org (251) 308- 8725

THE MONTH OF RAMADAN



The month of Ramadan was observed from February 17 through March 19. During this sacred season, the MAIC Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program provided spiritual support, encouragement, and services to incarcerated individuals at Metro Jail, helping ensure those observing Ramadan had access to faith-based care and compassionate ministry.

As an interfaith organization, MAIC welcomes and ministers through many faiths and beliefs, recognizing the importance of dignity, respect, and spiritual support for all people. We are grateful for the volunteers, community partners, and the Mobile County Sheriff's Office who continue to support this meaningful ministry.



MAIC PARTICIPATED IN THREE OUTREACH EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

SECOND CHANCES JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

SECOND CHANCES Job and Resource Fair
Hosted by U. S. Probation and Alabama Career Center (Mobile)
FEBRUARY 26, 2026 • 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Bishop State Community College • Main Campus/CamTech Lecture Hall • 351 N. Broad Street (Mobile)



The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) participated in the Second Chances Job and Resource Fair on February 26, 2026 at Bishop State Community College's Main Campus/CamTech Lecture Hall in Mobile. This event was hosted by U.S. Probation and the Alabama Career Center, is designed to connect job seekers with felony convictions to employers, training opportunities, and valuable community resources. MAIC will join local organizations and employers committed to supporting individuals seeking a fresh start and a pathway to success.

HOMELESS CONNECT 2026

HOPE FOR ALL
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PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT
Together we can help our unhoused neighbors.



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Offered Services:

- WAVE transportation
- State issues IDs
- Health and wellness checks
- Haircuts
- Legal services
- Clothing
- Hygiene items
- Housing assistance
- Job fair/employment
- And much more...

for more information

Leon Bell, Jr. - Director of Community Outreach
251.654.7424
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GOODWILL

Mobile County Department of Human Resources

COMMUNITY

JOB & Resource Fair

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
• 9 – noon •
Goodwill Gulf Coast
2440 GORDON SMITH DRIVE • MOBILE, AL



For more information, contact DHR_MobileEandT@dhr.alabama.gov



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TEE TIME WITH TEAM CHAPLAINCY 2026

On March 26th, the Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program hosted its annual golf tournament fundraiser at the Azalea City Golf Course, in Mobile. Community participation and sponsorship made this another overwhelming success. A day of fellowship, friendly competition, exercise, food, and beautiful spring weather brought people together for a common belief in second chances. All funds raised through the Tournament benefit the Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program.

The Tournament is a community event that is made possible by the generosity and commitment of our sponsors. We are profoundly grateful for their continued support and encouragement. If you enjoy golf and unable to attend this year, please call or email us and we'll put you on the mailing list for next year. CHAPLAINCY@MobileAreaInterfaith.org (251) 308 -8725.

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THE ALABAMA SOLUTION DOCUMENTARY GETS NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR & ACADEMY AWARD

NO MORE.



The Campaign for Safety and Accountability has created a special opportunity for the people of Alabama to view this documentary.

You're invited to join us virtually on
Thursday, February 5th, 2026 at 6 PM CT



Register for the virtual online viewing using the QR code. No HBO subscription needed.

Learn more about the campaign and how to get involved at **NoMoreAL.com**.

Learn more about "The Alabama Solution" at **TheAlabamaSolution.com**

Issues with QR code? Go to **NoMoreAL.com** and click "Screening" on Menu.

In 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice declared Alabama's prisons for men unconstitutional. More than 1,300 Alabamians in prison have died since then. Meanwhile, the state has spent more than \$5 billion on the prison system - more than we've spent on public health, mental health, and child services combined. These costly prisons remain the deadliest in America.

The recent release of the HBO documentary **"The Alabama Solution"** has brought renewed attention to the prison crisis - and the conditions inside that threaten public safety for us all.



The Alabama Solution is a 2025 Oscar and Academy Award nominated documentary that examines the complex social, political, and institutional challenges shaping life in Alabama. Through a mix of investigative reporting, personal testimonies, and on-the-ground footage, the film explores how long-standing systems particularly in areas like criminal justice, economic inequality, and public policy continue to impact communities across the state. Please go watch this moving documentary today available now on these platforms:



MEET MAIC'S NEWEST INTERNS



Please join us in welcoming our newest team members, Mr. Louis and Mr. Sullivan! These dedicated interns have been out in the community this month spreading the word about our services and helping us connect with those in need of a fresh start and new opportunities. If you know someone previously incarcerated who could benefit from a second chance, employment support, or community resources, please encourage them to contact us at (251) 308-8725. Together, we're building stronger communities one second chance at a time.

THANK YOU TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE MINISTRY TEAM



We want to thank the University of Mobile Ministry Team for coming to lead worship at the Metro Jail Chapel. The Chaplaincy Program conducts over 50 religious services of all faiths each month at the Mobile Metro Jail. They also provide baptisms, GED Classes and more.



MAIC FEATURED IN FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action, leaders Rev. Julie Conrady of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham, Aisha Davis-Williams of the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference, and Chris “Champ” Napier of the Islamic Society of Mobile met with State Senator Vivian Figures to discuss Senate Bill 316, which focuses on critical prison oversight reforms. The conversation centered on accountability, justice, and strengthening systems that impact incarcerated individuals and their families across Alabama. As Senator Figures shared, “I am not just the Senator for Southern Alabama, I am a Senator for ALL Alabamians,” underscoring her commitment to serving the entire state.