

## Prison Outreach Program

Compassionate people are invited to join a team of mentors for public speaking programs for incarcerated people in Shirley and Gardner. Volunteers must enjoy teaching, speaking and be able to attend at least two nights a month. Training is provided by the Department of Corrections and by participating in the public speaking program in prison. Spanish speaking volunteers are needed two Wednesday nights a month in Gardner.

"Volunteering in prison has opened pathways in my life I couldn't have imagined when I started," said Susan Tordella, program coordinator. "So many people want to improve their skills, and they live nearby, behind high walls. They really appreciate volunteers taking the time to offer a hand up." For more information, contact Susan at [susan.tordella@gmail.com](mailto:susan.tordella@gmail.com), or by phone, 978-772-3930. Prior Toastmasters experience is not required.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Dear Friends,

We have begun the process of the cottage meetings. Thus far we have had three meetings with 20+ members and friends of our church attending. It is great to see everyone so engaged with the task before us. The Executive Committee hopes to continue with other members of our church hosting cottage meetings throughout the upcoming months.

During our next EC meeting, the board will share what was discussed at these meetings and continue the our conversation about the church's future plans. As always, members and friends are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meetings. Our next meeting is on May 16th.

Additionally, you will notice as a part of this month's newsletter a copy of the pledge form for the 2016/2017 church year. You are encouraged to print out the form, complete it and give it to Priscilla or Chris. Please do this as soon as you are able because the pledge information helps to us determine our budget for next year.

Thank you,  
Bo Azora-Minda  
Executive Committee Chair