



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Brad Livingston  
Executive Director

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To Whom It May Concern,

On September 26<sup>th</sup> the Polunsky Unit in Livingston, Texas will be reinstating our Mentor Program and it is my hope that your Prison Ministry team will join us in this effort. The purpose of mentoring and restorative justice as a whole is to reduce the recidivism rates of offenders once they're released back into society. The current recidivism rate is 80% for the average group of Offenders, but amongst those participating in the mentoring programs is 20%, a significant difference.

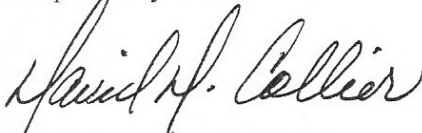
The requirements for your group or individual church members is that they be at least 21 years of age, commit to at least 1 year of monthly meetings, and if an ex-offender, they must be approved through Volunteer Services. The one restriction is that the mentor cannot be on the Offender's visitation list.

The meetings will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month beginning on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. The only change in this would be due to holidays or conflicting dates. Participants will need to be at the Polunsky Unit parking lot at 10:30 am and the meeting will last until 1:00pm.

I will have a Certified Volunteer Chaplain, Carlos Ratcliff, who will be facilitating the program and can be reached at 936-327-2939 (home), 936-546-2145 (cell), or email at [brorat@ndemand.com](mailto:brorat@ndemand.com).

It is our hope and prayers that you will join us in this wonderful and fulfilling program. Please consider this and let us know your decision through my office at 936-967-8082 ext. 8206.

Respectfully Yours,

  
Chaplain David D. Collier

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