



**The American Correctional Chaplains
Association - Northeast Region
is pleased to invite you to attend the
2019 Annual Training Conference**

To be held

April 1, 2 & 3 - 2019

On the theme of:

**Manipulation-Proof Chaplains & Developing
Indispensable Correctional Ministry Partners**

Presenters will focus on:

The invaluable ideas, expertise and contributions of the formerly incarcerated to help Chaplains and Correctional Professionals develop life-changing programs and make improvements to those that already exist. *“Nothing About Us Without Us”* is a theme often heard, but seldom used, in developing programs and passing legislation affecting criminal justice.

***Continuing Education Contact Hours: 16
Certificates Issued Upon Completion of Conference***

The conference will be held on the soothing shores of the Atlantic Ocean at the San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Ave, Long Branch NJ 07740.

Our Speaker this year will be:

Known to many as “The Ambassador of Hope”, Andre Norman’s experience and expertise is what empowers him to speak about and create training programs for families in crisis, substance abuse and teen drinking, re-entry, ex-offender, gangs, prison reform, and mentoring. Andre travels to schools, churches, and community centers around the world to serve as a mentor and friend to youth and community members alike.

From illiteracy to gang activity, Andre's childhood prepared him for nothing less than a life of crime and violence. This behavior eventually led Andre to be sentenced to over 100 years in prison, with no sign of parole. A natural-born leader, he quickly rose to the top of the prison gang where he managed criminal and gang activities from within the confines of the correctional facility. His notoriety grew and Andre found himself in solitary confinement. There, a light turned on inside of Andre and he made the decision to turn his life around. He did just that and was paroled after serving a 15-year sentence. From that moment on, Andre has never looked back.

Having been exposed to both sides of the fence, Andre pulled from his life experiences and launched Project Footprints, an organization designed to connect individuals and corporations who want to make a difference with those who need a helping hand.

Andre has also presented Workshops at American Correctional Association National Conferences on "Protecting Staff Integrity from Inmate Manipulation," "Inside the Mind of a Prison Gang Leader," and "Managing Manipulative Inmates in a Correctional Setting."
<http://andrenorman.com/>

Of course, there will be ample time for networking and best practices presentations and discussions too!

San Alfonso Retreat House, located right on the beach front of the New Jersey Shore, offers fabulous facilities with a relaxed and contemplative atmosphere. The ocean front vista is always a refreshing change from most of our daily routines in correctional facilities. Meals are exceptional with many healthy menu options. Rooms are simple, containing a single bed, sink and desk; most rooms share a bathroom with shower. Rooms for couples are available and have their own bathroom. Bedding and towels are provided. Smoking is permitted outside the retreat house.

Kosher meals and Halal meats are *not* served at the retreat house. Kosher foods are available in a nearby grocery store. The kitchen staff graciously makes eggs available at each breakfast and a fish choice (e.g. tuna fish, baked fish) at each other meal that would meet Halal requirements.

Check-in begins on April 1st, at 1:00PM and the conference closes with lunch on April 3rd
Registration - \$285.00 (\$25 late fee for registrations after Friday, March 22nd.)

For further information contact:

For further information or to register, Send registration form with check made payable to: **ACCA Regional Training Conference** to:

Rev. Charles Williams
24 Wolcott Hill Rd.
Room 313
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(860) 692-7577
charlesf.williams@ct.gov

*** registration can be done via Email or Fax (860) 692-6263 if payment is being made at the Retreat House or via separate mailing.**

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE - Directions

755 Ocean Avenue
PO Box 3098
Long Branch, NJ 07740
TEL (732) 222-2731 x 140 FAX (732) 870-8892
E-mail: info@sanalfonso retreats.org

By Car, traveling SOUTH on the NJ Turnpike:

Take Exit 11 (Woodbridge & Shore Points). Follow the signs for Garden State Parkway South. Follow directions for Garden State Parkway (below).

By Car, traveling SOUTH and NORTH on the Garden State Parkway. Take Garden State Parkway to Exit 105. After exiting, continue straight through five (5) traffic lights. Watch for sign on right for **Rt. 71 and Monmouth University**. Follow Rt. 71 South until it curves to the left (at the traffic light). After this intersection, you will be on Cedar Avenue (ignore future Rt. 71 signs). Stay on Cedar Avenue until it ends at Ocean Avenue. Turn right onto Ocean Avenue, and San Alfonso is just up the road on your left.

By Car, traveling NORTH and EAST: Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A. Get onto I-195 East to the Garden State Parkway NORTH (after Asbury Toll Plaza – keep right – LOCAL LANES) to Exit 105. Follow the same directions as above.

By Train from NYC: Trains leave on a regular schedule from Penn Station, New York to Long Branch. A taxi will have you at the Retreat House in five minutes.

By Bus from NYC: Purchase tickets for Long Branch at Port Authority Bus Terminal – Academy Bus Line (Asbury Park – Point Pleasure Line).

By Train from Newark Airport: You can take the train directly from Newark Airport to Long Branch via New Jersey Coastline Train (NJ Transit). Trains run approximately every hour. A taxi will have you at the Retreat House in five minutes. For further info log on to www.airtrainnewark.com

PARKING:

To park in the main parking lot behind the Retreat House, enter the driveway across the street from the red church, St. Michael's.

RULES of the RETREAT HOUSE:

1. Absolutely no smoking in the entire retreat house per Fire Dept. regulations.
2. No unattended candles are allowed anywhere in the building.
3. Meeting rooms are to be returned to their original seating order. Heavy lounge furniture is not to be moved. Nothing is to be mailed, stapled or taped to the walls.
4. Due to Health Dept. regulations, retreat guests may NOT use the kitchen.
5. Turn off lights and air conditioning when not in use.



Agenda

American Correctional Chaplains Association: Northeast Region

Monday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 3, 2019

16 Contact Credit Hours

Theme: “Manipulation-Proof Chaplains & Developing Indispensable Correctional Ministry Partners”

Monday, April 1, 2019

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Check-in, Please Note: Check-in cannot start until 1:00 PM. If you arrive early, have lunch on your own, take a nap in your car or unwind with a walk.	
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Welcome, Getting to know Conference Participants and Overview - Reverend Charles Williams, ACCA-NE Regional Manager Director of Religious Services, Connecticut DOC	
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Words of Greeting from the ACCA President, Deacon John Tomandl	
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Introduction of the Conference Theme – Rev. Williams	
4:15 PM – 6:00 PM	Afternoon Workshop: _____	Andre Norman
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner	
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Evening Workshop: _____	Andre Norman

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

7:00 AM	Faith Community Worship Services	
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Morning Workshop _____ Panel Discussion (several formerly incarcerated people)	
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning Workshop II _____	Andre Norman
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Afternoon Workshop _____	Andre Norman
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Panel Discussion: _____ (4-5 formerly incarcerated citizens)	
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Free Time	
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner	
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Evening Workshop: _____	Andre Norman

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:00 AM	Faith Community Worship Services	
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Morning Workshop _____	Andre Norman
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning Workshop II _____	Andre Norman
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	

ACCA Northeast Region Treasurer: Deacon James (Jim) Falkner, PO Box 406, Chester, NY 10918, 845-742-8820; jfalkner@optonline.net

Next Year: April 20 – 22, 2020 in the same place!