



TRANSFORMING JAIL MINISTRIES  
INFLUENCE. INTEGRITY. INSIDE.

ENGAGING THOSE IN JAIL WITH A SERVANT HEART AND A HOPEFUL MESSAGE

Clergy Contact Visiting  
Agreement

The underlying philosophy of the Clergy Contact Visiting program is that we, the clergy, will do everything right as we exercise the contact visiting privileges granted to us in the Hamilton County jail facilities. Even if we are granted opportunities outside what we are entitled to, we will not accept them, for the greater good of the program. This is not about what you can get away with. It is about what you know to be right and maintaining access for yourself and others in the future and safety and security in the present.

1. Take as little as possible into the jail with you. Obviously, no guns, knives (This includes pocket knives and small pen knives, etc.).
2. Leave purses and such in the trunk of your car.
3. No cameras, cell phones or other electronic devices (tablets, iPods, etc.) may be taken into the secure areas of the jail facilities.
4. Don't bring anything into or out for an inmate. This includes, but is not restricted to, food, drink, mail, etc. (Exception is religious material but staples, paperclips, rubber bands etc, may not be included. (Hardback books, including Bibles, are not permitted) Be prepared to allow Corrections Officers to inspect anything.
5. If you know, never reveal to an inmate, when they will be taken out of the facility.
6. Never hug, embrace, or kiss, prisoners.
7. Your contact visiting privileges are extended in the context of your work as an ordained clergyperson only.
8. Do not visit any Corrections Facility with any alcohol, or illicit chemicals, on your breath or in your system.
9. Tell the truth if questioned by a member of the Corrections staff.
10. Your dress and hygiene should be neat and clean.
11. You may not visit any member of your family, including in-laws and step-relatives, through the Clergy Contact Visiting program. When visiting a family member your status is that of a private citizen (non-contact and during normal visiting hours). In this case your visit will count as the one allotted visit per visiting day.
12. If you are in doubt, or have questions, ask a corrections officer (not a prisoner) and they will be glad to help you.

Remember, you are person of faith. Expectations of you are high. This is true on the part of the prisoners, officers, Sheriff and Transforming Jail Ministries. Among those expectations are that you will be informed, conduct yourself well, be cooperative and helpful. You can expect the same from the rest of us. Let us know how we can be helpful to you as your ministry takes you into the jail facilities of Hamilton County.

I agree, by my signature, to follow all the items listed below, as well all of the information contained in the orientation. Further, I understand that failure to do so will likely result in loss of contact visiting privileges.

Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_