

# Amazing Grace



August 17-22, 2014

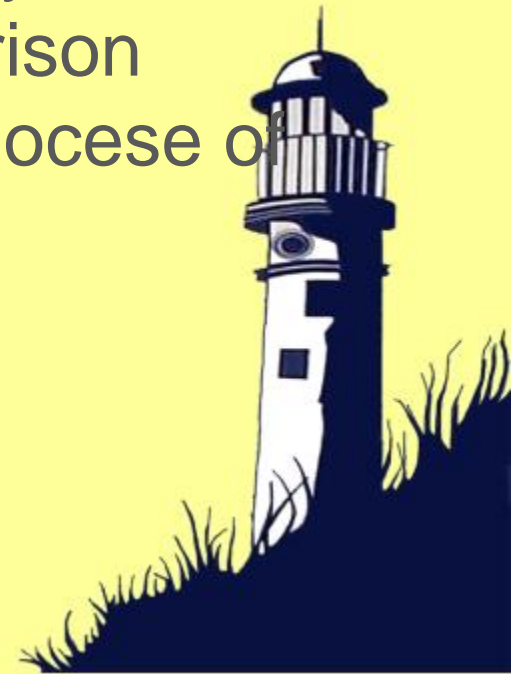
# Amazing Grace Is...

One-week, residential, camp-like experience at YMCA Camp Burgess for children whose parents are incarcerated.

Based on model used in other Episcopal dioceses. Developed and encouraged by the Rev. Jackie Means, former director of prison ministries at TEC. First offered in the Diocese of Rio Grande in 1995.



Opportunity to show littlest victims of crime God's unconditional love.



# Breaking the Cycle

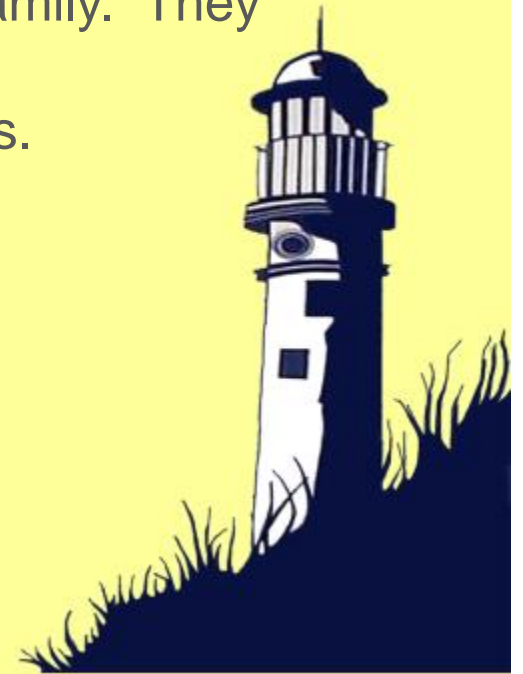
Generational incarceration:

- An estimated 70% of children who have one parent incarcerated will themselves be part of criminal justice system.
- If both parents incarcerated, the percentage rises to 90%.

Children are often left with one parent / grandparent, or with foster family. They don't see an alternative life for themselves.

They have very little life-affirming alternatives.

Amazing Grace will show them other possibilities.



# The Details

YMCA Camp Burgess, Sandwich

August 17 – 22

Approx. 16 children ages 7-11

Activities will include:

- Sports
- Water activities
- Arts & crafts
- Music and singing
- Farm animals / garden
- Evening gatherings
- Sleep in comfortable platform tents
- Modern dining facilities



# Action Plan

- Organizing committee has veterans of similar camps in Maryland and Vermont. Many lessons learned.
- YMCA camp providing discounted fee as a show of support.
- Many volunteers with specific skills
- Working with Cape Cod Council of Churches and other faith groups
- Inviting Cape & Islands deanery to join us



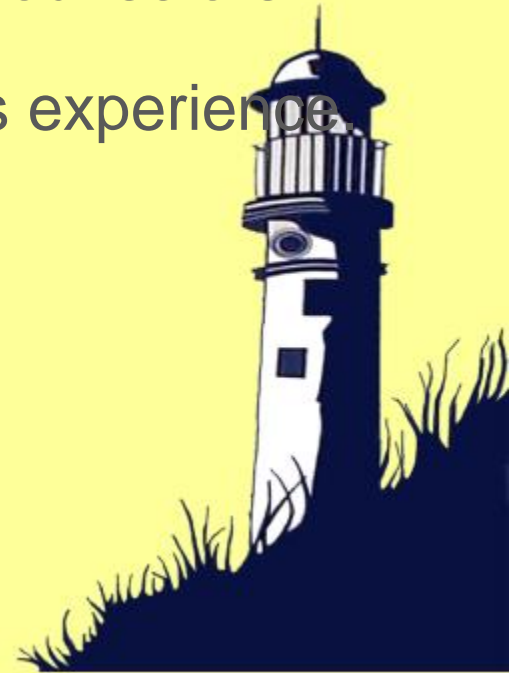
# The Task Groups

- Program design
- Camper recruitment
- Camp protocols
- Staff recruitment and development
- Communication
- Fundraising
- Budget & finance
- Transportation



# Join Us!

- Help identify and recruit campers.
- Volunteer as daytime chaperones, evening counselors, overnight chaperones, drivers, specialized counselors.
- Help collect in-kind materials to support kids experience.
- Sponsor a child @ \$500.
- Or make other financial contribution.
- Help planning on task groups.



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