



Newest Seminary Graduates at MCIW Ready to Serve Fellow Prisoners

PEARL – A new group of women at the Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women (MCIW) is prepared to serve fellow inmates after graduating from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Courageous Class graduates completed four years of theological education and ministry training. Through the program, they learned how to counsel others, lead Bible studies, assist with worship services, provide crisis support, and help women cope with the challenges of incarceration.

Some of the graduates have answered the call to serve at the Delta Correctional Facility (DCF). Others will remain at MCIW to develop Bible studies, establish inmate-led congregations, and minister throughout the facility.

Commissioner Burl Cain, who helped establish the seminary program, challenged the graduates to put their education into action by serving the women around them and spreading the ministry throughout MCIW. “This is your mission field,” Cain said. “You are equipped to do it. You are trained to do it.”

Graduates are not ordained ministers. They serve as faith-based mentors and religious assistants to facility chaplains, supporting inmates during emergencies, deaths, funerals, worship services, baptisms, and other difficult moments.

The MCIW graduates will now use their education and personal experiences to support other women and continue MDOC’s mission of moral rehabilitation.



