



Shared Learning Liberman Lecture: Free, open to the public

Friday, March 7, 11:15 am
Fellowship Hall, Church of Reconciliation
110 North Elliott Rd, Chapel Hill

Life After Prison: Three Men Share Their Experiences in Returning to Society

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This presentation will focus on the program *Success While in Transition* (SWIT), an organization established to assist formerly incarcerated individuals as they transition from prison to society. The panelists, who have served 25–30 years in prison, will share their experiences and will discuss the tools and support needed for success, as well as the consequent reduction in the rate of recidivism. All three individuals work closely with the NC Dept. of Public Safety, local law enforcement, mental health agencies, and community leaders. SWIT not only provides access to the necessary resources but also provides the returning citizen with the tools needed to navigate the system and achieve success.

Society continues to penalize those who have committed crimes many years after they have served their sentence. Barriers are erected at every step, from securing housing and jobs, to obtaining a State ID or driver's license, opening a bank account, and pursuing an education. Our panelists will detail how the SWIT program they founded is able to help those returning citizens overcome such roadblocks and become useful citizens, serving their communities and giving back what they have learned.

This event is free and open to the public. However, since there is limited seating available in Fellowship Hall, advanced registration is required for Shared Learning members as well as the general public. You can easily register (one individual) by visiting <https://sharedlearning.us> and navigating to the Liberman Lectures tab. Early registration is encouraged.