

# RETURN & RESTORE

## Policy Advocacy Checklist: Second Look

The purpose of this checklist is to outline all the necessary tasks to consider in hosting a “Policy Saturday/Sunday” event in your faith community and advocate beyond. You can share this document with other faith networks across the state as a template to encourage preaching, teaching, and mobilizing **to advocate for the rehabilitative release of certain incarcerated senior citizens (over the age of 60) who have served 20 years or more of their prison sentence.**

### PREACHING

Dedicate one Sunday service to discussing the harms of mass incarceration and the aging population of those in New Jersey prisons

Identify the date of the service

Announce the service regularly in morning announcements

Create a flyer for the church bulletin, website, and social media

Consider creating a countdown clock for social media

Invite advocates, lawmakers, and local media to the Sunday service

Consider developing your sermon using the following [theological resources prepared by Rev. J. Amos Caley](#) of Reformed Church of Highland Park

### TEACHING

After your Sunday service, host a conversation about NJ seniors in prison with the congregation, local community, advocates, and lawmakers

Consider a panel discussion about releasing seniors from prison and how that could impact the Black community

Consider a roundtable discussion about how the community has been impacted by mass incarceration and document the stories told

Research statistics on the harms of mass incarceration in the Black community by visiting the Second Look NJ website

Set up informational tables before and after service with toolkits and additional resources on mass incarceration in the Black community and ways to advocate for more equitable policies statewide

## MOBILIZING

Contact your State Representatives, using SandSJ's prepared call script, and urge them to advance Senate Bill 2338 which would provide rehabilitative release for seniors over the age of 60 who have been incarcerated for 20 years or more

Follow Second Look NJ on social media and amplify the stories of those directly impacted

Attend the Second Look NJ statewide conference on June 3rd at Montclair State University

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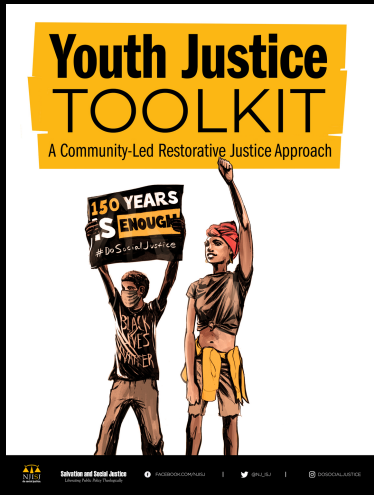


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