



April 21, 2020

The following is a letter for the release of Inmates in Cook County:

The Southland Ministerial Network believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of Cook County that all non-violent offenders with bonds under \$5000 be released immediately to prevent the spread of the vicious pandemic COVID-19. In cases, where individuals committed white collar or other non-violent crimes that exceed the amount of \$5000 we ask that those individuals be released on home confinement. We understand the importance of public safety and the vital role that county jail plays in keeping our community safe, but in no certain terms can we ascribe to potential death sentences for individuals who very well may be innocent. In fact, most of the low-level non-violent offenders are in the county jail because of the economic and racial disparity that exist in our county. Therefore, it is imperative that we release these individuals immediately to prevent them from being infected and possibly causing a spike or reoccurrence of the outbreak when they return to their communities.

Sincerely  
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President