

## Do's and Don'ts when visiting Living Stones

Welcome! Living Stones is a mission development and congregation in the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA providing an opportunity to share the love of Christ. Your participation and support of Living Stones are greatly appreciated by the men who attend Living Stones and their pastor. We are truly all in this ministry together. I trust you will be blessed by the experience.

- Do** ..... Bring a photo ID. You won't be able to get in without it.
- Do** ..... Dress appropriately. Wear long pants (slacks are preferred; no khaki; jeans are okay so long as they are not dirty or torn/holey) and shirts or blouses that are not revealing. No camouflage of any kind is allowed. Closed-toed shoes are required; socks are mandatory. No high heels.
- Do** ..... Keep everything you bring in with you on your person at all times. This may mean Bible, umbrella, glasses, watch, jewelry, and identification (visitor badge).
- Do** ..... Feel free to offer the men a firm handshake. Many of us are huggers, but hugs can be misread by both inmates and DOC Staff.
- Do** ..... In the event of an emergency, listen and immediately follow the directives of DOC Staff.
- Don't** ..... Run inside or outside the prison grounds unless directed by DOC Staff.
- Do** ..... Be mindful of conversations that involve personal information (i.e. where your grandson might go to school; names of family members; etc.)
- Don't** ..... Share personal information with inmates, such as address and phone number.
- Don't** ..... Do any personal favors or promise favors to the men.
- Don't** ..... Accept items from the men for yourself or for someone else.
- Do** ..... Thank the officers. They keep us safe and enable us to be able to have services at Living Stones.
- Do** ..... Arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. at the visitor center inside the doors of WCC. This allows us time to process and receive our visitor badges so we can start service on time.
- Do** ..... Ask the men questions about their lives in prison (but not about their term or sentence) and about their faith.