

As the work of Trinity's Jail Ministry has progressed, we have learned that many of the incarcerated women are cold. They are issued the standard orange garb when they enter the jail and those are little protection against the seasonal chilly conditions in their cells. They are allowed to wear sweatshirts under their jumpsuits but the sweatshirts must meet strict guidelines. In order to be appropriate the shirts must be either white or gray and carry no ornamentation of any kind. Even the Champion brand "C" logo or the Nike "swoosh" are not allowed. To purchase an appropriate shirt from the commissary is prohibitively expensive for most of the women.

Trinity's group determined that one of the ways we could minister to the women in the jail is to provide sweatshirts to those in need. We have already found a supplier that can get us appropriate shirts for \$10 a piece. We are still seeking less expensive options but at the outset we will work with that ballpark figure.

On January 10th we will be launching our "Give Warmth" (credit to L.L. Bean's advertising) fund drive to raise money to buy sweatshirts for distribution at the jail.

On the annex "Give Warmth" bulletin board you will find labeled envelopes. If you'd like to donate any amount of money to this cause take an envelope, make your donation, put your name and the amount on the back of the envelope and put it in the offering plate. Or you can mail your contribution directly to the church designating your gift to this fund. Your donation will be recorded and you will be credited for the amount you give.

Symbolic sweatshirts will be added to the bulletin board so we can see our progress. The Jail Ministry group feels this is a tangible and important way for us to serve the needs of those who are incarcerated and without the resources to be comfortable. We seek the Trinity family's generous support.

The fund-raiser will end after Sunday, February 7th. We will buy as many sweatshirts as we can, and distribute them appropriately through our contacts at the county jail.

Thank you in advance for your support in this endeavor!