Goode, Lewis, and Trulear's "Ministry with Prisoners and Families: The Way Forward" (Book Review)

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would a book contain both methodological explorations and theoretical articles, or essays on both freshman composition and historical analyses of denominational literature.

With such widely varying topics, very few people will read this book straight through, but it could be very helpful for someone wanting to refer to one or two of the articles. If your library collects books on faith integration, this one is an absolute must-purchase, since it really does cover nearly the complete scope of current faith integration efforts in the rhetoric and composition field. Amazon lists the price of *Mapping Christian Rhetorics* as $140; for that kind of money, I expect a book to be edited much more carefully than this one was. I noticed at least two typos in just about every essay in the book. Nonetheless, this will be a purchase most college and university libraries will want to acquire.

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**Ministry with Prisoners and Families: The Way Forward,**

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This book provides a practical and spiritual blueprint for beginning a prison outreach. It provides in clear layman’s terms what incarceration means to both the prisoner and his or her family and provides a framework for ministering to prisoners and their families. While aimed at African-American churches, there is much to be gained in this book for all churches as well as for undergraduate criminal justice, sociology or social work students.

Each topic is dealt with frankly and is backed up with cited research. Mentoring and families received the most attention, but the book also looks at how local churches can be a force for prevention with troubled youth, understanding substance abuse, and how churches can interact with and support the prison chaplaincy. Finally, a chapter is devoted to helping the church reintegrate the prisoner upon release.

The suggestions in this book are practical, but are grounded in research and theory, and are aimed at providing hope and an introduction to Christ to the prison population and their families.