



# CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

## Message from the Executive Director



Happy New Year! 2020 was a year of highs and lows, major changes, and brand new business practices. The Coronavirus pandemic changed the way the world interacts. The CIC ended 2020 with many lessons learned and even stronger relationships with our constituents. The CIC recently published the [2020 annual report](#), where we highlight some of our accomplishments and best practices. We are grateful for the ability to fulfill our mandate to inspect and report on the conditions of DC adults in custody, even during a global pandemic.

Communication with family and loved ones proved challenging in 2020. Although the CIC was unable to facilitate onsite events, where we normally have the chance to collaborate and fellowship with our community, we were still able to reach our DC residents within BOP facilities. Due to the success of our 2020 Covid-19 survey, we are preparing a follow up survey to send to DC residents within BOP custody. Two reports based on data from the 2020 survey have been developed. [A quantitative report](#) was published on January 7, 2021, and a qualitative report is forthcoming.

In December 2020, the CIC conducted an onsite visit at the DOC's Central Detention Facility (CDF) and the Central Treatment Facility (CTF). Two CIC staff members walked through various units within the DOC's facilities to observe tablet use for communication and overall conditions of confinement since the Covid-19 pandemic. A report with the findings of the DOC site visit will be published.

*Donald Isaac, Sr.*

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### A Recent message received from a DC Resident in Custody in Response to a 2020 Holiday Postcard

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**From:** ██████████ ██████████ ██████████  
**Sent Date:** Monday, January 4, 2021 5:49 PM  
**To:** ████████████████████  
**Subject:** HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY LATE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN NEW YEAR TO YOU. THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THINKING ABOUT ALL OF THE DC INMATES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. THE POST CARDS BROUGHT TEARS OF JOY AND LAUGHTER TO ME AND A FEW OTHERS. I HOPE THAT ALL OF THE CIC STAFF HAVE A PROSPEROUS AND FRUITFUL NEW YEAR.

### **There is Still Time! Extended through Jan 31, 2021: Send a Virtual Letter Residents at the DC Jail**

Neighbors for Justice was founded in August 2020 by neighbors who live a few blocks from the DC Jail and wanted to do more to support our neighbors at the jail during COVID and beyond. Neighbors for Justice started sending letters to residents in the DC Jail during the holiday season and they are still accepting letters. Sign up [HERE](#).

### **Community Events**



Capitol Hill

United Methodist Church

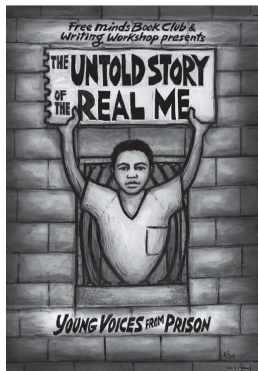
Reading and Resistance Book Club



Join us for a

# Community Book Discussion

on the experience of young adults at the DC Jail  
based on their poetry about life, family, incarceration, and freedom



A panel conversation will be followed by small group discussion

**Tue, January 26th**  
**7:00-8:30 pm**

[Register now](#) for this virtual event

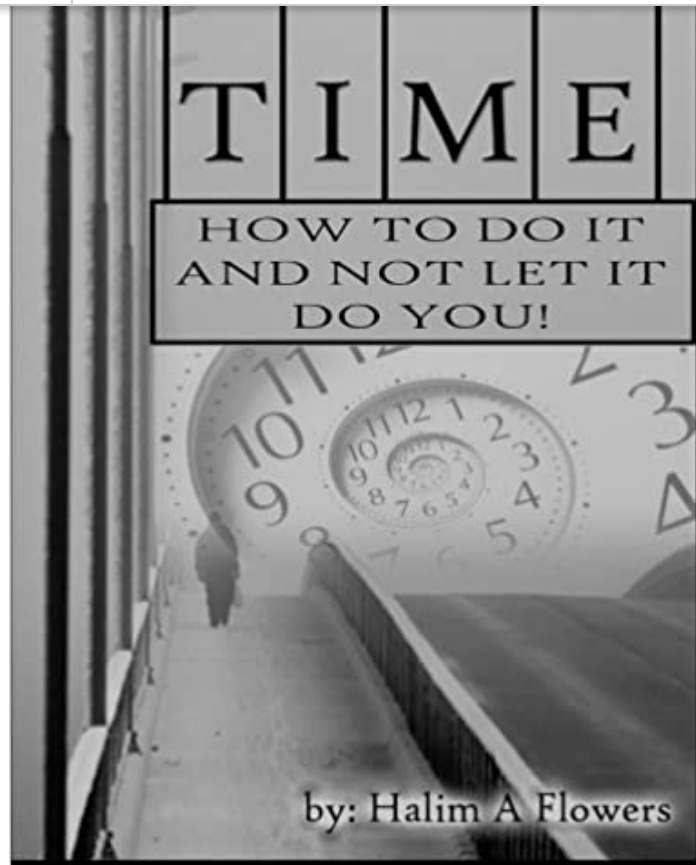


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## What We're Reading: Productivity

**Time: How to Do it, and Not let it Do You**

*by: Halim A. Flowers*

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This book affords inmates a blueprint on how to use their time in the system productively. Halim Flowers wrote this manual after serving 17 years in prison, to give prisoners a step-by-step guide to utilizing their time to develop pro-social habits that will help them transition into society successfully and prevent them from becoming recidivists.



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