

September 10, 2017

Dear CURE Members & Supporters:

It's less than 2 weeks until Missouri CURE's **Annual Conference** on **Saturday, September 23**, celebrating 27 years of struggle with a theme of "CURE the Madness!" We'll be at **Greater St. Mark Family Church**, the hub of the Ferguson protests, **between 10 AM and 4 PM**. Admission is free and lunch is provided. We have an exciting agenda in store.

Our keynote speaker **Attorney Mae Quinn** directs the MacArthur Justice Center (MJC) in St. Louis, which during its first year of existence has filed numerous lawsuits against the Missouri DOC; the for-profit prison medical provider, Corizon; the Parole Board; the state's running of the Public Defender's Offices; the operation of St. Louis City Workhouse, and the treatment of protesters who were arrested. It was Mae Quinn and MJC that discovered and exposed the scandalous behavior of parole officials who were making a game out of parole hearings.

State Rep. Bruce Franks Jr. is our special guest speaker. After challenging serious irregularities in Rep. Penny Hubbard's re-election and then defeating her by a landslide in a special election, Bruce has hit the ground running. In his first year as an elected official, he became a member of the Corrections Committee and was chosen for the legislative task force charged with investigating the Department of Corrections. With his main focus on criminal justice, Bruce has worked with Missouri CURE to acquire information about prisoner abuse and medical mistreatment and neglect.

Welcoming you with African drumming, our conference will feature awards as well as workshops on Prisoner Health; Abuse and Long-Term Segregation; Legislation; and Re-entry. Join us as we analyze, strategize and organize for human rights and prison reform.

Please circulate the attached flyer on social media. Bring your friends and associates to share in this important event.

For Justice,

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