

The Circle Model

The central focus of CoSA involves forming circles of support and accountability around each core member (released offender). The circles include two or more trained volunteers, supported by a CoSA staff person - with a shared commitment of 'no more victims' and 'no one is disposable.'

The circle provides an inclusive and safe space for the core members to account for the impacts of their choices and actions, deepen their understanding of the needs and perspectives of others, and support their efforts to live a successful and crime-free life. The circle works to nurture a safe and trusted space for open and respectful sharing.



HAMILTON DISMAS PHOTO CLUB

If you love photography and are interested in a place to learn photography techniques, share photos and hear the stories behind the photos, you will find the Hamilton Dismas Photo Club an enjoyable experience.

Contact Rick Pauw if you are interested.

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, please contact:

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CoSA & Dismas Programs Offered in Hamilton



**CoSA Hamilton is a Program
of The St. Leonard's Society
of Hamilton**



Living With Purpose Mentoring Group

Living With Purpose

This is a hybrid meeting at 2pm on the 1st Thursday or 6:30pm on the 4th Thursday of every month.

This is a monthly discussion group, where core members and volunteers meet. Members share and respond to challenges and barriers that many released offenders face in the process of reintegrating into the community.

Facilitated conversations draw from the lived experiences of participants (core members and volunteers) to share & explore solutions, ideas, and resources to navigate the challenges of everyday life.



First Pilgrim United Church

200 Main Street East
Hamilton, ON
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We meet at First Pilgrim United Church on the 3rd Friday of every month. Doors open at 5pm and dinner is served at 6pm.

Dismas Fellowship is a faith-based adult only meeting place for former prisoners, staff, and invited guests.

The monthly gathering includes a meal followed by some spirited singing, a spiritual reflection, and an opportunity for participants to respond to a reflection question or to pass.

<https://dismasfellowshipnetwork.com/>

 1-877-554-1076

CROW Café

This is a hybrid meeting at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month (from September to June).

CROW is an acronym for Creative River of Words. The mind is a constantly flowing river of words, which is why we created the CROW Café.

The CROW Café is a "coffee house" style presentation of works to share songs, stories, poems, jokes, quotations etc. or in personal reflections on instruments, objects, images and more.

CROW Creators' Circle

This is a hybrid meeting at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month (from September to June).

This is a safe space where participants can explore their personal Creative River of Words and how it reacts to the next month's theme. This meeting will help you prepare something to share at the next month's CROW Café.

