

Can We Build Our Way Out of Prison Overcrowding?



A Talk and Slideshow with
California Senator Mark DeSaulnier & Bob Lane

Friday July 17 at 7:00 PM
Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church
55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek

Co-sponsored by Social Action Committee of the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church

California's prisons are in crisis --- overflowing at nearly 200% of capacity, with inadequate health care, a 73% recidivism rate, very little rehabilitation programming, and a corrections budget spiraling out of control. How did we get here? Can we build our way out of this crisis? What alternatives are there to expanding this failed system? The worsening budget crisis makes these questions even more urgent. Now more than 10% of the budget, prisons are the fastest growing expense in the state budget, increasing 205% since 1985.

CA Senator Mark DeSaulnier will discuss the current state of California's prison system and the serious need for reform. He will share some prison reform ideas being considered now in Sacramento, as well as his own ideas for reform.

Bob Lane, champion of prison reform on Social Action Committee of the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, will present a slide show about this prison crisis prepared by Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB; www.curbprisonspending.org), a coalition of more than 40 organizations concerned about the state of our prisons.

Suggested donation: \$12 General, \$5 students with current ID; wheelchair accessible.

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