The UCC on Criminal Justice Reform:
- Since 1959 (GS 2), the UCC has committed itself to calling for “better methods of treatment and rehabilitation for those convicted of offenses against the law.”
- In 1969 (GS 7), UCC commits to “ecumenical legislative and political action seeking abolition of the death penalty.”
- 1997 (GS 21)- expresses opposition to the prison industrial complex and encourages local churches to learn about, participate in, and advocate for alternatives to incarceration.
- 2015 (GS 30)- recognizes mass incarceration as a critical human and civil rights issue, and reaffirms commitment to public policy advocacy to turn the tide of institutionalized racism and economic injustice by mass incarceration.
- 2019 (GS 32)- calls the Church to advocate for the abolition of private prisons and divest from corporations that supply and invest in them.

How We Have Taken Action:
- Supported the Marion Brothers in their opposition to the solitary confinement practices at Marion Federal Penitentiary (GS 10, 1975).
- Ongoing partnership with National Religious Campaign Against Torture to end solitary confinement.
- UCC D.C. Staff Serve on the Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition to advocate for criminal justice reform and support the policies laid out by the General Synod resolutions.

Questions for your candidates
- Would you support legislation that would end the practice of solitary confinement in prisons?
- Do you support alternatives to policing and incarceration such as community-based violence intervention programs and investment into social services as a means to promote community safety?