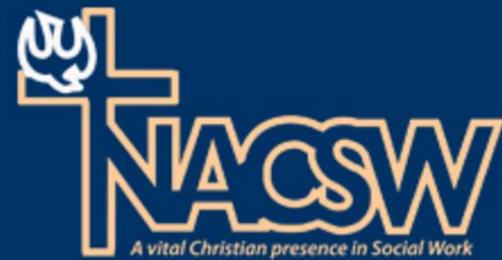




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# INTRODUCTION



- Extant social issues of mass incarceration and poor ex-offender reentry outcomes in the inner city communities can be engaged by the recent immigrants such as Korea/Asian Americans through their mission driven community program.
- Needs for community informed and research supported missional-business interventions are discussed along with newly developed TIP-XO (transforming impossible to possible: ex-offender- *returning and remaining citizens*).

# LEARNING OBJECTS



- Recognize the similarities in histories of oppression and poverty shared by the two communities: urban poor and Korean/Asian American
- Understand that the spiritual transformation becomes the anchor for sustained emotional healing and personal growth
- Articulate several key facilitation components of the TIP-XO curriculum which help to bring transformative process in the ex-offenders

# RETURNING CITIZENS



- U.S. annually incarcerate 2.3 million in prisons and jails and spend \$260 billion, more than 1/3 of national deficit (Brennan Center of Justice, 2015)
- U.S. annually about 1,574,700 in state and federal prisons (BJS, 2013)
- There are currently over 48,000 individuals serving time in Illinois state prisons

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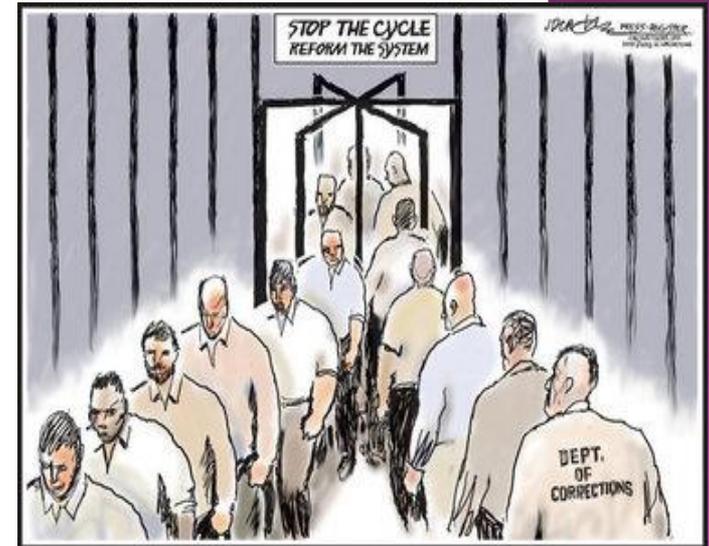
- Any given day, approximately **731,000** detainees at more than 3,000 jails in U.S. (VIJ, 2015)
- Annual admissions to jails in U.S. are around **11,700,000** (VIJ, 2015)
- In 2013, an estimated **6,899,000** were under adult correctional supervision (BJS, 2014)



# RETURNING CITIZENS



- In 2005, **67.8%** of state prisoners were re-arrested within 3 years, and **76.6%** within 5 years
- **84.1%** were rearrested within 5 years for those 24 years and younger; **78.6%** for those between 25 to 39 years of age; and **69.2%** for those 40 and older (BJS, 2014)



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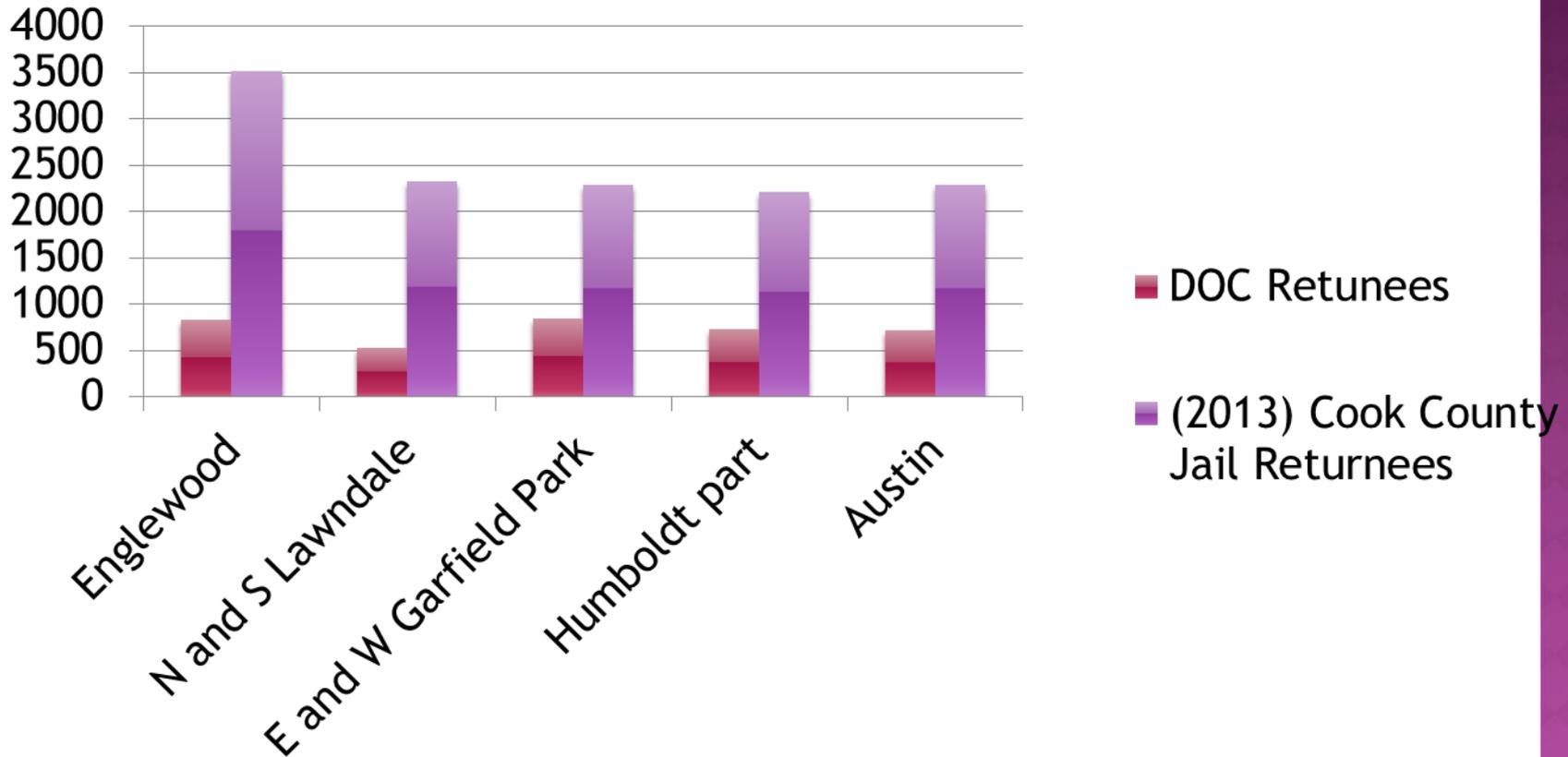
- Of the 11,700,000 who are admitted into jails in U.S.
- Only **38%** are convicted while **62%** are not convicted (VIJ, 2015)
- **95%** of prisoners will eventually return to communities across the state.

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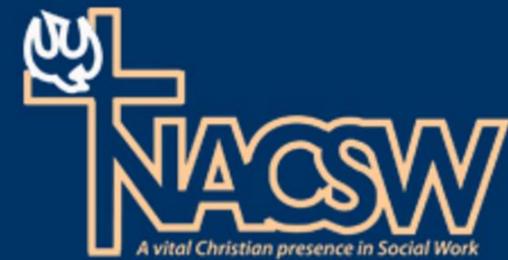
- About **56%** of state prisoners, **45%** of federal prisoners, and **64%** of jail inmates suffer from mental illness; they receive inadequate care (UI, 2015).
- If unaddressed in prison or during the reentry process these needs will negatively impact their long-term reentry outcomes; and hinder leading productive, pro-social, and crime-free lives

# COMMUNITIES IN CHICAGO WITH HIGHEST LEVELS OF RETURNING CITIZENS



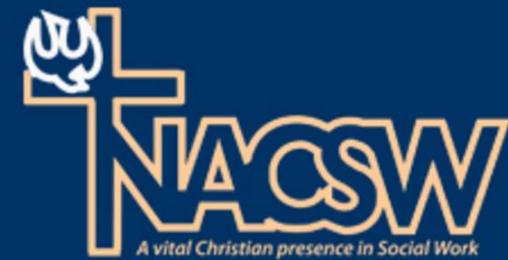
**Federal inmates returning to these neighborhoods are much fewer in comparison. However, about 136 retroactive crack cases will be released to Northern District of Illinois between October 30 and November 12, 2015**

# KEY FACTORS FOR EX-OFFENDERS

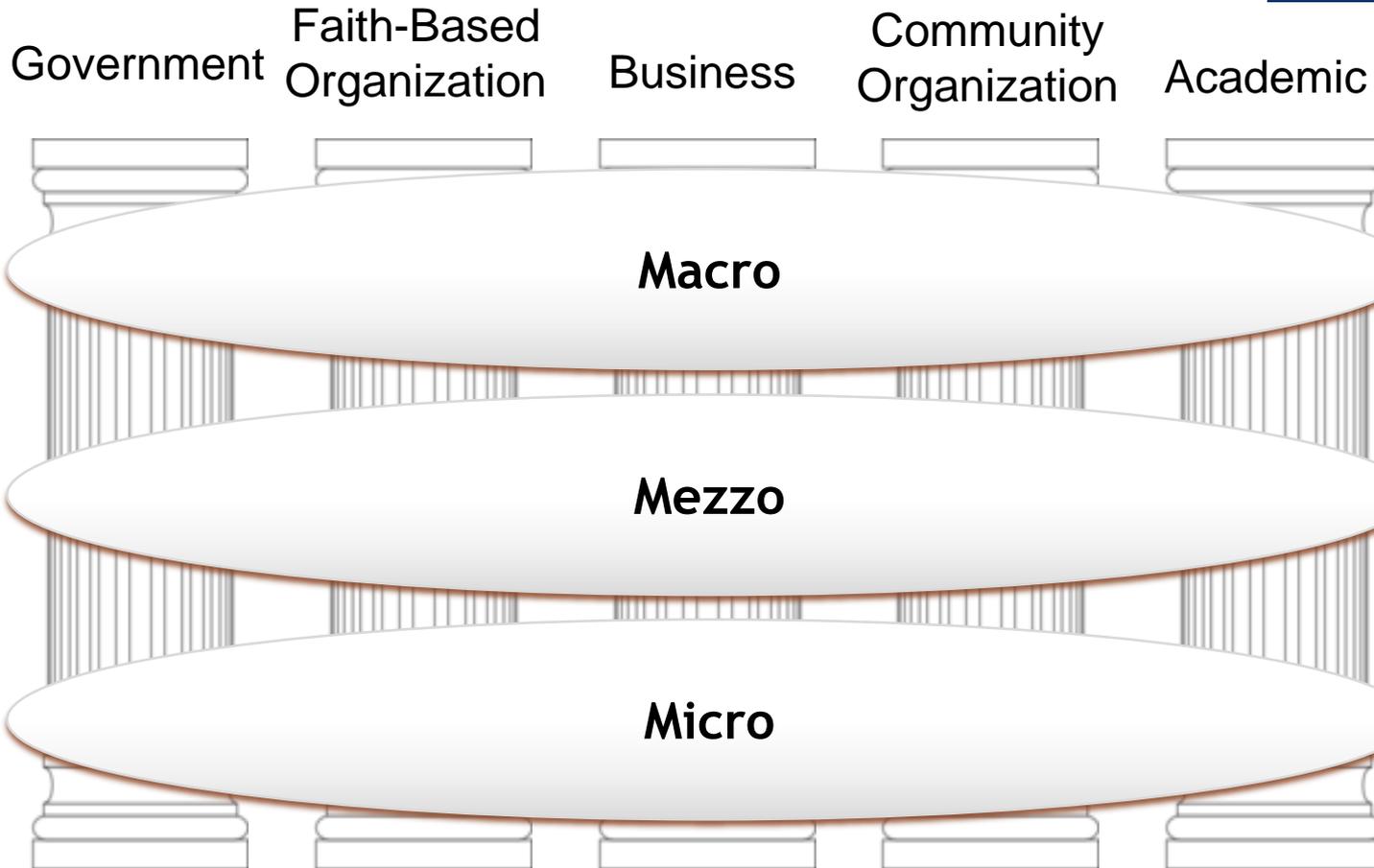


- INFORMATION PROCESSING: VALUES AND PERCEPTION
- COMMUNICATION
- NEW RELATIONSHIPS
- CRIMINAL HISTORY
- UNRESOLVED TRIGGERS OF STRESS
- SOCIAL SUPPORT AND COMPASSION

# KEY FACTORS FOR EX-OFFENDERS



- GRATITUDE
- RE-BIOGRAPHING
- Key Social Reality Needs:
  - Stable Housing
  - Gainful Employment
  - Reunion Family
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stability



# HISTORICAL SIMILARITIES



- Korean/ Asian-American in the past 150 years have faced myriad of systemic discrimination and poverty
- However, they have experienced some success in overcoming systemic oppression and can now give back to others in similar dilemma.

# HISTORICAL CONFLICT



- 1992 Los Angeles Riot and the media's one-sided and biased portrayal of Korean Americans devastated the community destroying over 2,000 businesses and tarnished the images of Koreans as being rude, greedy and selfish.
- These tragic events highlight the urgent need for racial reconciliation through meaningful and relevant charitable actions.

# HISTORICAL ALLIANCE



- Korean/ Asian-American Christians possess impressive resources, but are overlooked.
- “Only limited by their language barriers and limited knowledge of navigating the system”...“Wealth of untapped resources and assets ready to be leveraged further to serve the greater community.”

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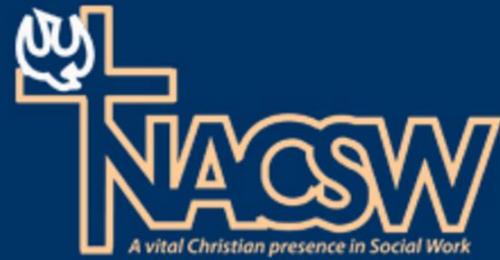
- Considering Korean American livelihood during social unrests, this is one area of service that must be given serious consideration (Bodie & Im, 2008).

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# TIP-XO



- Church Mission Leadership
- Church Planting
- Spiritual Transformation
- Educational Transformation
- New Beginnings
- Social Enterprise
- Ministry Informed Research
- Research Informed Mission

