

# Maplehurst Prison Chaplaincy

- Mission:** To serve the spiritual and pastoral needs of the staff and inmates at Maple Hurst Correctional Complex.
- Location:** 661 Martin St., Box 10,  
Milton, ON L9T 2Y3
- Ministry:** The chaplaincy provides pastoral care to both inmates and staff at the prison. Some of their programs include bible studies, counselling and worship.
- Involvement:** The chaplaincy is currently staffed by two Presbyterian Ministers (Rev. Brad Shoemaker and Rev. Donald Hill). In the past, Rev. Shoemaker has come to NPC to share about his work at the prison and how the congregation could help. He also took Reuben on a tour of the prison a few years ago. In response to his visit, the congregation has provided support by donating copies of “40 days of purpose” as well as funds for the purchase of specific books used by the chaplains to help inmates. For the last few years, NPC has also received support from the prison through a work program that allows low-risk inmates to do landscaping for churches and other charities.
- Needs:** In terms of support, the chaplaincy continues to accept donations towards books for the inmates. Recently, there was a request to assist with a curling programming for staff to boost morale. There may also be opportunities for individual volunteers to assist the chaplains. Advocacy is also important when it comes to prisons, particularly as it relates to mental health. A large percentage of inmates suffer from mental illness and proper treatment is essential to rehabilitation.