PVS Visitor Training Session — October 2, 2021 4:00 pm Eastern

Session Theme: “The First Visit”

2nd Role Play

(This revision has Virginia playing the woman in prison and Gary playing the PVS visitor.)

Characters:

Gary, an experience PVS visitor (played by Gary)

Virginia, a woman in prison for many years (played by Virginia)

NARRATOR

In this scene, a woman in prison named Virginia (and being played by Virginia) meets a PVS visitor named Gary (and being played by Gary) for the first time. Virginia has not before now had a PVS visitor. Gary is an experienced PVS visitor.

As the scene opens, Gary has already checked in at the visiting room desk and is directed to a non-contact booth where Virginia is waiting on the other size of the glass.

GARY

(Greets Virginia and introduces himself as a PVS visitor. He asks if Virginia received the postcard announcing the visit.)

VIRGINIA

(Responds by saying she didn’t receive a postcard. And goes on to share how she found out about PVS through the prison Christian chaplin.)

GARY

 (Explains the normal process for announcing a visit.)

VIRGINIA

(Explains that she understands this is a religious visit. Asks Gary about his favorite passage in the New Testament.)

GARY

(Continues with his explanation of the purpose of PVS visiting. And how the visit is not of a religious nature. Although some PVS visitors would be comfortable being asked about their religious beliefs, he is not.)

VIRGINIA

(Interrupts and become a bit upset concerning her misunderstanding. Asks Gary if he is a Christian.)

VIRGINIA and GARY

(Dialogue continues somewhat in a back and forth, uneasy fashion. Gary tries to set things straight. Virginia continues and becomes more upset. At a point, Virginia stops talking and becomes very quiet.)

GARY

(Tries to reestablish communication.)

VIRGINIA

 (After listening to Gary, she does open up and begins sharing.)

NARRATOR

(When it seems time to move on, explains that we are moving to the end of the visit.)

GARY

 (Explains that he needs to bring the visit to an end as he has another person to visit.)

VIRGINIA

 (Is very appreciative and asks when she might get another visit.)

VIRGINIA and GARY

(Share their goodbyes.)

NARRATOR

(Calls “cut”. Thanks Virginia and Gary for being in the role play. Then passes focus to the next part of the session agenda.)

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