

Mother Earth Ministries' mission is to provide accurate information about Wicca and other Neo-Pagan religions to interested inmates and prison staff, and to facilitate Pagan prisoners' study and practice of their religion.

#### HOW DO WE PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT WICCA AND OTHER NEO-PAGAN RELIGIONS?

We offer two brochures about Wicca: *An Introduction to Wicca* and *The Wheel of the Year*. We also offer introductory brochures about Ásatrú and Druidry. In addition, we have a single-page flyer of the current year's Sabbats and Esbats, and a variety of other flyers and brochures about various aspects of Neo-Paganism. These are available free to any inmate or prison official who requests them.

*Enchantment Encumbered: the Study and Practice of Wicca in Restricted Environments*, written by two of MEM's priestesses, is available online through Amazon.com, through the publisher ([www.CreateSpace.com](http://www.CreateSpace.com)), and through our website ([www.MotherEarthMinistries.org](http://www.MotherEarthMinistries.org)). It's also available for \$20 from Mother Earth Ministries. (The \$20 includes postage, and we will accept checks, money orders, or stamps as payment. Orders won't be filled till the check clears, though.) A discount is available to chaplains and other prison ministers who can order online; contact us for the code.

Our writing priestess – not a pen-pal – Lady Freyja Wright, answers questions and discusses various aspects of Wicca in greater depth than our brochures.

#### HOW DO WE FACILITATE PAGAN PRISONERS' STUDY AND PRACTICE OF THEIR RELIGIONS?

Our brochures start inmates on their studies. Our visiting priestess (currently available only to some Tucson units of Arizona's state prisons and some local federal facilities) can answer many questions in person. Our writing priestess is not a pen-pal, but she can go into considerable depth on a variety of subjects.

We help inmates modify conventional rites to accommodate prison rules. We help inmates hear and revere their goddesses and gods right through the prison walls, and in spite of any ignorance, prejudice and/or discrimination they may encounter.

#### OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



L → R: Lady O'Gaea, Lord  
Campion, and Lady Garr  
(Photo by M. Reynolds)

Lady Garr founded MEM in the year 2000, and is our President; she visits Tucson units of Arizona state prisons as requested. Lady O'Gaea (pronounce it *oh-jee-uh*) is our Board Secretary and senior Writing Priestess. Lord Campion is our Treasurer.

All of our Board members are fully ordained Wiccan clergy, and all have been active in Tucson's Neo-Pagan community for many years. Lady O'Gaea is the author of several books about Wicca; she and Lady Garr wrote *Enchantment Encumbered*. (*Enchantment* is available online at [www.CreateSpace.com](http://www.CreateSpace.com) and through Amazon, and by snail-mail from MEM.)

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#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### What Tradition of Wicca does MEM teach?

The exercises, spells, and rituals that appear in MEM literature are eclectic and designed to work in restricted environments. They do not represent a specific Tradition, but are compatible with most. MEM's volunteers follow a variety of Neo-Pagan paths.

##### How can an inmate join MEM?

S/he can't! MEM is not a coven or Tradition.

##### Does MEM . . .

**influence DOC policy?** No! Lady Garr is a member of Arizona's DOC's Religious Advisory Committee, but neither the RAC nor any of us are policy-makers.

**have a catalog?** No. MEM does not sell or provide religious items or books (other than *Enchantment Encumbered*).

**have a newsletter?** We used to, but we don't now.

**advocate for inmates?** No; we are not allowed to do so. We don't do Internet or other research for inmates, or contact third parties for inmates, either.

**offer a correspondence course?** No. We don't have the time or staff for it. We don't know enough about other groups' courses to vouch for them, either.

**match inmates with pen-pals?** No. Our writing priestess is not a pen-pal, nor do we have any volunteers who are.

**have info about *all* Pagan religions?** Unfortunately, no. We offer information about Asatru, Druidry, and – mainly -- Wicca.

**offer spiritual counseling?** Yes: in person in some Tucson facilities and by mail across the country.

## BROCHURES/FLYERS AS OF DECEMBER, 2016

*An Introduction to Wicca* glosses the basics of the faith: ethics, theology, fundamental energy skills, the liturgical calendar, casting a Circle, altar gear, and correspondences.

*The Wheel of the Year* begins to explore the meaning of each Wiccan Sabbat

*An Introduction to Druidry* takes a quick look at ancient and modern Druidry, its ethics, deities, and relationship to Wicca.

*An Introduction to Ásatrú* looks at ethics, deities, holy days, practice, altar gear, the Runes, and history.

These overviews are also available:

Are Wiccans Vegetarian/Vegan?

Witchcraft and Violence

Wiccan Traditions and Covens

The Wiccan Priest/esshood

The Left-hand Path

The Charge of the Goddess

Wicca's History Revisited

Tarot at a Glance

MEM Sheds Light on Neo-Paganism

Yule Songs

Magical Alphabets

What Do You Mean, You Don't Believe in the Devil?

Chakras and Auras

Elemental Meditations

A Little Bit About the Pentagram

A Little Bit About *Enchantment Encumbered*

Self-Dedication and Initiation

Choosing a Magical Name

A Wiccan Altar Behind Bars

A Glossary of Wiccan Tools

The Text of the RLUIPA

Some Common Wiccan Phrases and Symbols

Requiem

MEM's Introduction to Spellcraft

MEM Takes a Look at the Versions of the Rede

A Look at Some Wiccan Rites of Passage

We are happy to send *one or two pamphlets at a time* to inmates who request them. We do not charge for our literature, but appreciate return envelopes and/or stamps when they can be included.

Chaplains may request full sets of our literature if they are willing to make copies – of each brochure or flyer in its entirety, without changes, additions or deletions – for individual inmates upon request.

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### WICCA? PAGANISM?

Paganism is an umbrella term that covers a lot of religions, all of which are polytheistic, but not all of which identify as "Neo-Pagan." Wicca is one – and probably the best-known – modern form of ancient religious tradition of stone-age European cultures.

Heavily-armed monotheism conquered Europe's formal Pagan religions – but after suppression for about 600 years, the old perspectives came back, rearticulated in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries by the Romantic Movement. The Craft was re/created and Wicca's modern structure developed in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It has continued to grow since then.

Wicca is joyous and life-affirming. Our Goddess is all that is eternal and generative; that which is mortal, dying and reborn, we call God. The Goddess and God are partners, not opponents – so Wicca doesn't see the world as full of opposites, either. We see life as deeply interconnected and complementary, not adversarial.

Wicca is one of several Neo-Pagan religions. These include (but aren't limited to) Afro-Caribbean faiths, Norse Paganism, Native North and South American religions, and Polynesian traditions.

All Earth-reverencing religions are growing now; like many other people, prisoners are getting interested too. For many who can't accept mainstream beliefs, Nature-based spirituality is appealing and MEM helps make some of it accessible behind bars.

# What We Offer to Inmates



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