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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Prison Fellowship International to Convene In Toronto to Discuss Reform Efforts:

Biggest Criminal Justice Ministry Will Hold World Convocation June 28-July 2

**WHAT:** [Prison Fellowship International's World Convocation](#), which is held every four years. Representatives from PFI's 119 member countries and others involved in prison work gather to encourage one another and review best practices to address issues such as victim-offender reconciliation, inhumane prison conditions, literacy and education, and families of prisoners.

**WHO:** PFI representatives, prison officials, government leaders, chaplains, ex-prisoners, volunteers and others from around the world. Between 800 and 1,000 people are expected to attend, including:

- **Ron Nikkel**, a Canadian who is President and CEO of PFI and has visited more than 1,000 prisons worldwide;
- **Jonathan Aitken**, a member of PFI's Board of Directors and a former Member of Parliament in Great Britain who was imprisoned for perjury;
- **Charles Colson**, the founder of Prison Fellowship and the first member of the Nixon administration to serve time for Watergate-related charges;
- **John Rucyahana**, President of the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission in Rwanda;
- **Theary C. Seng**, founder of the Cambodian Centre for Justice and reconciliation and author of "Daughter of the Killing Fields;" and
- **Dan Van Ness**, the executive director of Prison Fellowship International's Centre for Justice and Reconciliation

**WHEN:** June 28 through July 2. A news conference will be held at 4 p.m. ET Tuesday, June 28.

**WHERE:** Sheraton Centre Hotel  
123 Queen St. West  
Toronto, Ontario

**DETAILS:**

All sessions of the World Convocation are open to the media, and PFI representatives are available for interviews before and during the conference, either in person or via telephone or Skype. For more information or to request credentials or an interview, visit [www.alrcnewskitchen.com/pfi](http://www.alrcnewskitchen.com/pfi) or contact Steve Yount at 972.267.1111 or [steve@alarryross.com](mailto:steve@alarryross.com).