

Minutes from EPF meeting, January 11, 2014

1. Prisoners Justice Network update: Joey Cardamone
 - a. New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement will be visiting Ithaca on February 1, 2014. There will be a potluck dinner and workshop at the Friends Meeting House on Madison St., beginning at 4 PM.
 - b. Carmen Guidi is speaking to the regular meeting of the Ithaca Prisoner Justice Network tonight, January 11, about providing housing to the homeless and recently released prison inmates.
 - c. CNY Messenger article: Linda Gaither volunteered to copy excerpts of letters from inmates in solitary confinement who responded to our holiday cards for an article in the CNY diocese e-letter, the Messenger.
2. Environment/care of creation: Pastor Wanda
 - a. We discussed ideas about activities in our congregations. b. Preach-in about climate change, February 14 – Interfaith Power and Light has a kit and a video, “Chasing Ice.” It was suggested that we encourage our priests to talk about climate change in the homily. a. Greening your congregation: ideas discussed
 - b. Seminars on climate change on five Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30, at First Presbyterian church, Ithaca. Seminars begin on January 29 and end on Feb.26.
3. Bread for the World: John Jackson
 - a. John asked that we contact our congressmen about unemployment insurance, immigration reform, and SNAP cuts.
4. Palestine/Israel Network: Linda Gaither, Shannon Berndta. PIN is looking for members for support
5. Iran: Robert Chapman
 - a. Robert is interested in Iran negotiations and meeting with Congressmen on this issue, in particular those in Illinois, New Jersey, and New York.
 - b. Linda and Shannon recommended that the Iran interest group under the EPF umbrella could be reactivated and the resources of EPF then used to locate interested folks.
 - c. Also recommended was that a statement be drafted on this issue to eventually send out to EPF members in the states mentioned.

Meeting adjourned after closing prayer.