

## Minutes from April 3, 2014 Meeting of EPF of Ithaca Area

Frank Baldwin opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Prisoners Justice Network:
  - a. Joey Cardamone announced a march and rally, New York Against Prison Injustice, in Albany on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Cornell West is the keynote speaker. Looking for folks to go to the rally.
  - b. Nancy Siemon handed out samples of letters which support HALT, a bill in the NYS legislature proposed by CAIC, Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement. The offering of letters will be May 4 at St. John's. Other churches are encouraged to join us in this event. The letters are for NYS senators and assembly persons.
2. Feast Day service for Frances Perkins, a Saint involved in social justice, May 13:
  - a. The format of the service was discussed. Attendees will be asked to read parts of the service to encourage participation. John Jackson will do the homily.
  - b. John Jackson will take this activity to St. John's vestry for approval.
3. Palestine/Israel Network: The video, "The Stones Cry Out," was loaned to Epiphany for use.
4. Iran Study – no report
5. Technology Update:
  - a. Mike Roman asked who our target audience is for the web site. Members responded that we are hoping that parishioners and others will be attracted to our group.
  - b. Mike stated that the music page is the best page on St. John's web site. He offered to send the page to Linda and she will try to supply information to Mike for constructing the EPF site
6. Climate Change and Environment: Ed Siemon reported some information he learned by attending the seminar series on climate change held at the Presbyterian Church. He mentioned recycling at Temple Beth-El by a private company, drastically reducing garbage. He also mentioned a company that rents solar panels to homes and institutions

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Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Siemon