

Minutes of EPF of Ithaca Area Meeting

February 5, 2015

Attendees: John Jackson, Joey Cardamone, Nancy Siemon, Ed Siemon, Frank Baldwin, Blythe Baldwin,

Reports of Issues

1. Bread for the World: John Jackson reported that the Bread for the World web site has a sample letter which focuses on policy issues about childhood nutrition. The web site also has instructions and “toolkits” for an offering of letters on this subject. We are planning to do an offering of letters in April, after Easter.
2. Spiritual practices for social justice: John also said that Bread for the World has specific suggestions for actions, such as writing a letter, to practice Christianity.
3. Ithaca Prisoner Justice Network:
 - Frank Baldwin described a newsletter, “Building Bridges,” concerned with parole from the Prison Action Network at prisonaction.blogspot.com. Only 30% of eligible inmates get paroled.
 - Visit by CAIC, Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement: Joey Cardamone reported that Scott Paltowicz is visiting from NYC and making a presentation at GIAC on Wednesday, February 18. Scott will also be visiting SUNY Cortland and making a presentation at Ute Deutsch’s class.
4. Lenten study at St. John’s: Nancy Siemon reported that she and Father Rich met to plan the Lenten study which is focusing on incarceration. Five sessions are planned on Sundays, February 22 – March 22, noon to 1:00, Chapman Room. An appropriate video is being sought, possibly one from the Quakers (AFSC).
5. Palestine/Israel Network: Frank reminded us to sign a statement of conscience about this issue. Check your email. The statement goes to the Episcopal Church. It supports Palestinian rights.

Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 5, 3:30 at the Tompkins Workers’ Center above Autumn Leaves.