

## Minutes of November 12, 2015 Meeting of Ithaca Area Chapter of Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Meeting opened with a prayer

Attendees: Blythe & Frank Baldwin, Deb Schmidle, Cathy Porter, Linda Gaither, Nancy & Ed Siemon, Joey Cardamone, John Jackson

A. Discussion about the format of EPF meetings: We discussed having our meeting format reflect the "Pray Study Act" focus of EPF.

1. Begin the meeting with reflection on a biblical example of the Kingdom of God followed by an article or news report example not demonstrating the Kingdom of God. (We did this exercise at the retreat and folks said it was very meaningful.)
2. Write letters on a focus issue as a spiritual practice: John Jackson suggested that the group engage in letter writing on issues as an exercise of spirit inspired work. The group agreed that we should do letter writing at our meetings.
3. Committee reports (including but not limited to Israel/Palestine, Prison Justice, Hunger, Nuclear weapons, Gun control, Environment) can be done for the group online prior to the meeting with time during the meeting to ask questions and/or add any late updates.
4. Event Planning: Must be done in our meetings when necessary. Ex: New Year's Eve service and dinner; Ira Helfand talk at Cornell.

B. New Business/ Misc.

1. The new format will begin with the December meeting. Frank Baldwin volunteered to be the first to bring a bible passage that he finds meaningful about the Kingdom of God and a news article showing collision with the Kingdom of God on earth.
2. The December 3 meeting will focus on Prison Justice with sample letters provided by Joey to help us write.
3. Link to events of interest for peacemakers  
<http://pacs.einaudi.cornell.edu/>

Meeting ended with prayer

Next Meeting: December 3, 2015, Chapman room, 3:30 P.M.

