

Minutes of EPF Meeting April 7, 2016

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

Meditation: Nancy read a meditation.
Blythe read a newspaper article that stated that hate groups are increasing in U.S. Brief discussion followed.

Nuclear Disarmament:

Frank presented the group with a petition to President Obama requesting disarmament of nuclear weapons and asked attendees to sign it if they wished.

Parole Reform:

Joey: Judith Brink will be touring with the reform parole family tour workshop in June. Nancy will talk to Rev Barb and Sarah about attendees eating at Loaves and Fishes and then holding Judith's event at St. John's. Blythe will check with Rev. Christina about Loaves and Fishes hosting attendees for Judith's event.

Human Rights Day:

Linda suggested next year having an evening prayer service and film about solitary confinement.

Israel/Palestine:

Linda presented a letter against extra judiciary killings by Israeli soldiers. We wrote letters thanking Senator Patrick Leahy (D. Vt.) for suggesting that foreign aid should be suspended to countries who commit human rights violation which is part of U.S. law.

Prayers Cards:

John Jackson suggested that we develop prayer cards citing EPF study pray act emphasis. He used the lent prayer card from Bread for the World as an example. We decided to use the Book of Common Prayer as a source for the prayers. Linda will also bring some sample prayers for the next meeting. A good starting point for the card would be the Baptismal Covenant. We will set aside a meeting to work on the prayer card John will lead this project.

Prayer and Adjournment