

## Minutes of EPF meeting of February 4, 2016

Attendees: Joey Cardamone, Nancy & Ed Siemon, Blythe & Frank Baldwin, Linda Gaither, Deb Schmidle, John Jackson, Katy Grace.

Opening Prayer: Ed

Reflections on the Kingdom of God: Deb.

- Deb cited Flint, Michigan lead in the water problem. In response to these problems, She referred to Ezekial which talks about an alternative to the rich taking care of themselves and not taking care of ordinary people.
- Short discussion followed.

Old Business:

- Discussion about a Lenten study, Trinity Study, "Listen for Change." It is described as a video, interactive and online for free. We decided to use this at our March 3 meeting beginning at 3PM to allow us plenty of time. Meeting will end at 5PM.
- Celebration of Feast Days: tabled

Committee Reports:

- Ithaca Prisoner Justice Network: Judith Brink will be visiting the Rochester area in May with a day long workshop, "Family Empowerment for Parole Reform." Arrangements for visiting Ithaca are in process.
- Linda Gaither announced that the Committee for Justice in Palestine is hosting a UCC minister, Rev. Hagler, visiting Ithaca March 1. He will be speaking at the Africana Center at CU. His talk is "From Baltimore to Palestine." Linda asked that EPF sign on as a sponsor of his visit. Motion was made, seconded, passed. (Note: this request and motion has since been withdrawn; EPF members are encouraged to attend his presentation individually.)

New Business:

- Maundy Thursday: We are invited to a joint dinner with Loaves and Fishes and then a service in which there will be a foot washing ceremony. More clarification of format is needed. John will inquire.

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Letter Writing

- Linda brought information about G4S which is a British company that runs prisons around the world and is based on Israeli methods. The prisons are very repressive and abusive.
- Linda also brought information about state legislation pending making it illegal to boycott products of countries that are our allies. Aimed at preventing boycotts against Israel. Very dangerous legislation.
- Letters written

Closing Prayer(Ed) and Adjournment.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Siemon