

EPF of Ithaca Area Minutes January 22, 2018

Attendees: Guest: Tim Shank of Poor Peoples' Campaign, John Jackson, Cathy Porter, Blythe and Frank Baldwin, Linda Gaither, Ed and Nancy Siemon, Joey Cardamone, Mike Roman

A. Poor Peoples' Campaign

1. Special guest Tim Shank of the Poor Peoples' Campaign spoke about the campaign. He started by asking how churches incorporate EPF into their churches. We responded that Epiphany, St. John's, St. Thomas have all done letter writing on issues of hunger, prison reform, and guns control. John added that he would like to have icons of Martin Luther King and Frances Perkins in St. John's. They are saints in the Episcopal Church.
2. Tim stated that all people are entitled to food and a decent quality of life. There is abundance enough for all. It is a moral imperative to take care of people and this belief is found in all religions. The Poor Peoples' Campaign (PPC) is a national call for moral revival, a call to return to our morals and values.
3. PPC is calling for a season of non-violent civil disobedience starting on Mothers' Day. It will be a reminder to the country that all people should share in the fruits of the earth, our country, and to live up to what was promised in our nation's writings.
4. Tim listed the four evils:
 - Systemic racism
 - Systemic poverty
 - Militarism
 - Ecological devastation.
5. Tim pointed out that the PPC is faith-based and not tied to a political party.
6. What is PPC going to do? January through May is a planning period; Mothers' Day through summer solstice is a season of non-violent civil disobedience. Every week will focus on an issue ie. Children and poverty.
7. How is the movement led by the poor? Work together with the poor to organize. Our faith is about giving people what is rightfully theirs.

8. What can EPF do? Get the message out to our parishes. Don't let radical Christians hi-jack the moral message. Talk to individuals; build relationships. Think local; think community.
9. How do we connect? John will give Tim our members' email addresses. Also CUSLAR.org.PPC Tim gave out CUSLAR (Committee on US.-Latin American Relations) newsletter.
10. Tim's email: shenkti@gmail.com

B. Prayer Card: Sample prayer card from gnomon was brought to meeting by Cathy. John will fix printer codes that are showing on the sample. Efforts continue to have it printed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Next Month: February, 26, at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Siemon