

## **EPF of Ithaca Area Minutes February 25 2019**

**Attendees:** Joey Cardamone, Linda Gaither, Ed and Nancy Siemon, Blythe and Frank Baldwin, Mike Roman, Cora Yao

**Opening Prayer:** Blythe

### **Social Justice Minute:**

- Blythe reported NY Times obituary of Thomas Cade, the leader of the peregrine falcon project at Cornell. He was among the first to sound the alarm about the harm to birds by DDT.
- Blythe reported an article about Muslims organizing community patrols in NJ to protect themselves. Neighbors objected and felt intimidated.

### **Nuclear Disarmament:**

Frank reported on Ira Helfund's visit. His talk at St. John's is Sunday March 17, at 4:00 to 5:30 PM in the Chapman Room. Linda will check in her files for a picture of Ira. The EPF will supply tea (Blythe), coffee (Cora), cookies (Nancy), and cider (Blythe).

We will go to Moosewood afterward. Frank will check with Moosewood.

### **CJP/JVP:**

- No Way to Treat a Child: presentation at the Quaker Meeting House on Saturday, March 9, at 3 PM. Meet at 2:30 to set up, 120 Third Street. Joey will bring pretzels; Cora will bring vegys.
- Mtr Megan and Rabbi Brian are still working on a date for panel discussion about Palestine/Israel. Possibly around June 7 – 17.

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**Prayers of the People for March:** Gun violence.  
Blythe will send out the prayer

**Treasury:**  
Nancy reported no change since February report.

**Letter Writing:**

- Joey asked that we write emails tonight about the HALT bill, S1623 and A2500. Send the email to CAIC. She sent us an email today about this need for letters.
- Parole bill is a future topic for letter writing, possibly at the next meeting.

**Closing Prayer:** Blythe chose the prayer for Tuesday on our prayer card.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 25, 2019, 5 PM. at. St. John's; in the Chapman room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Siemon