

EPF of Ithaca Area Minutes September 30, 2019

Attendees: Linda Gaither, Ed and Nancy Siemon, Frank Baldwin, Mike Roman

Opening Prayer: Frank

Social Justice Minute:

- Frank reported that USA has cut refugee program to 18,000 refugees admitted to US.
- Young people are standing up for environmental justice.
- Nancy described sculpture of a key representing the keys to Palestinians homes that have been destroyed or occupied by Israel. The key was in front of St Mary's Church in Edinboro, Scotland.

Retreat of Early September, 2019:

- Linda summarized the retreat. We decided to continue our support of the HALT bill and nuclear disarmament, and justice for Palestine.

Nuclear Disarmament:

- Frank wants to write Bishop Dede to ask that the diocese support "Back from the Brink". Linda suggested that a resolution be presented to the General Convention, 2020.
- Ed stated that we need a handout about nuclear weapons.
- Frank will get a packet of information from Ira Helfund by the beginning of November.
- Linda suggested that a letter be sent to Bishop Dede after convention 2019. Then a draft a resolution for Diocesan convention 2020.

CJP/JVP:

- Linda has buttons in support of "No Way to Treat a Child" in support of HR 2407.

- Discussion occurred about letter writing. Consensus was that it is a wasted effort to write Tom Reed.

Prayer Cards:

- We need to find out from John Jackson if we can share electronic version of the prayer card or should we mail prayer cards to those who request them.
- Mike will make changes to prayer card and put on the ST. John's web site.

HALT:

- We are interested in doing letter writing in parishes about HALT.

Prayers of the People

- November topic is for our country in stress. We decided on a prayer from BCP, page 820, number 18. Simplify and replace the old language.
- December: Holy Family and human families

Closing Prayer: We read a prayer together from BCP.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2019, 5 PM. at. St. John's; in the Chapman room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Siemon