

EPF of Ithaca Area Minutes October 28, 2019

Attendees: Linda Gaither, Ed and Nancy Siemon, Frank Baldwin, Mike Roman, Cathy Lewis, Joey Cardamone

Opening Prayer: Blythe

Social Justice Minute:

- In Australia, indigenous people have a sacred area that is being preserved. “Exultation of the Humble”
- Children are losing health insurance in the US.
- Exxon knew for decades that climate change is real.

Prisoner Justice:

- Joey went to Albany. She reported that Gov. Cuomo came up with a different bill from the HALT bill and consequently the HALT bill failed. Another meeting is to take place in Rochester on Saturday, November 2, which has been set up by Steve Hart from Buffalo.
- Joey reported on Tuesday February 4 there will be a gathering of faith leaders about the HALT bill. We are wondering if Bishop Dede and Mother Megan might be interested.
- EPF and Amnesty might collaborate on an event. Bring in parents of incarcerated persons in solitary to speak. Joey will talk to Wayles of Amnesty about it. Maybe Laurie Konwinski would be interested.
- A local program exists called College Initiative Upstate to help prison inmates enter college (TC3). Tutoring help.

Nuclear Disarmament:

- Frank sent a letter to Senator Gillibrand to thank her for her vote to repeal AUMF. (What does this stand for?)

- UCC endorsed Back from the Brink.
- Frank will modify an OpEd by Robert Dodge to clarify Back from the Brink. Frank will create a poster for display at diocesan convention coming up soon in November.

Israel/Palestine:

- Linda re Episcopal Church has voted to sell its stock of corporations that profit from the occupation of Palestine.

Prayer Cards:

- John Jackson gave EPF permission to modify and allow distribution electronically of the prayer cards.
- Mike will modify the prayer card.

Prayers of the People

- December: Holy Family and human families

Closing Prayer: We read a prayer together from BCP.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2019, 5 PM. at St. John's; in the Chapman room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Siemon