

ACC Peace & Justice Meeting  
May 9, 2016

Attending — Brooke Musselman, Elaine Shirk, Larry Shirk, Roger Martin, Curtis Book, John Stoner & Vonetta

1. Vonetta greeted us and opened by reading the Prayer of St. Francis. John Stoner reflected on the life of Dan Berigan. John said we need to celebrate lives of prophets past and present. Dan and his brother Philip and others burned draft files in 1968. We can have no peace if we have no peacemakers.
2. As an introduction of those attending Vonetta asked us to name a favorite movie of the 1980's. It was interesting to hear what favorite movies came out of the 80's.
3. Larry Shirk gave a report on his recent health issues. We are glad Larry is back on his feet and gaining strength
4. Recruiting — a lady from Boston named Julie is interested in becoming an advocate. Another contact is Lisa White Cameron. Brook will contact advocates if interested and Larry will do some phone calls. North Baltimore may have someone.
5. Peace Packets have been sent out.
6. Peace Mugs — several have been made so that we have them for the next several years. Several names were mentioned as recipients, but several of those persons are not members of an ACC church. Jon Carlson from Forest Hills was mentioned and the administrator of Forest Hills. Brook will do a short resume' of these two persons and will decide by vote at next meeting who we may want for the mug.
7. Grocery Bags — Larry and Brook will work on this and get the bags from MCC and distribute them.
8. Budget — We are eligible to receive \$500.00 from the ACC Budget. If not used in the current year, we lose the money. We will ask for the \$500.00. Expenses were low this year — purchasing the peace mugs and peace packet expense.
9. June conference — A peace conference will be held at Christopher Dock High School in June. Brook will look into cost of a bus and send information to peace advocates if there would be interest in attending.
10. April assembly — Rev. Alex Awad spoke in the morning and was quite interesting. The afternoon was spent around tables at the Kairos Palestine document.
11. Curtis Book
  - a. Spoke about the mass incarceration in the Philadelphia area and what Kingdom

Builders Construction is doing to rehab churches and houses.

- b. Advocacy — time is running out on criminal reform. Churches should call their representative regarding justice reform
  - c. MCC East Coast — Pennsylvania local Native American tour October 31 — November 4 hosted by Mark Charles. This is a learning tour, part of the loss of Turtle Island.
    - i. You would leave from Akron each day. Also learning about the Paxton Boys massacre in 1763. Darvin Martin will also be guiding other Indian sites, including the Paxton church.
    - ii. The tour also includes travel to Washington D.C. some of the various treaties, confession and lament
    - iii. The first day is open to anyone, but the rest of the tour is limited to 15 persons and cost is approximately 250.00.
  - d. MCC Disaster Relief in Ecuador - 660 died, 22,000 displaced and 8000 building destroyed.
  - e. MCC—MDS is responding to the fires in Fort McMurry in Alburta, Canada to do rebuilding. Curtis will give Brooke some web sites for more information on these various activities.
12. Roger Martin— mentioned the proposal extended to women to register at age 18 for the military. This could possibly be required. Do we know where this is going?
13. Larry Shirk —reading summer program, getting ideas of peace activities. Larry also mentioned about having a peace camp for kids in the summer, sometime.
14. Elaine Shirk mentioned that she was just filling in as secretary until someone was found and she would like to be relieved of this duty. Brook will do the minutes until someone is found.
15. The next meeting is Monday, July 18, 2016 at 5:30 at the ACC office.
16. The meeting adjourned with Elaine Shirk leading in prayer.

