

News Release
Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Episcopal Peace Fellowship – an active advocate of Peace and Justice issues at General Convention 2015

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Claysburg, Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) will once again be an active advocate of Peace and Justice issues during the upcoming General Convention.

“Each triennium General Convention offers a chance to strengthen the witness of the Episcopal Church’s position on issues of justice and peace. Episcopal Peace Fellowship will be on the front lines as we have for every General Convention since EPF was born on Armistice Day 1939,” said the Rev. Allison Sandlin Liles, EPF executive director.

EPF is endorsing resolutions related to abolishing the death penalty, reducing gun violence in America and seeking justice for Palestine, she said.

“Continuing EPF’s tradition of involving young adults in the work of our church, seven young peacemakers from across the country will advocate for justice related resolutions through testimony in various committee hearings for the fourth consecutive GC. EPF fundraising and personal spending make their trips possible,” said 35-year-old Liles.

EPF will honor Newland Smith, a tireless advocate for Palestine and former EPF board member, when it awards him the John Nevin Sayre Award at the fellowship’s reception June 24 in the Dean’s Hall of the Cathedral of St. Mark – 75 South 200 in downtown Salt Lake City. “Newland is an amazing beacon of hope in Chicago. He is steadfast and positive while being incredibly faithful to the Gospel of Jesus. Thank God for Newland,” said Rev. Jackie Lynn, former EPF executive director who has served on the Diocese of Chicago’s Peace and Justice Committee with Smith for decades.

Folks who are not coming General Convention can read about what EPF is doing by signing up for a daily email at <http://epfnational.org/gc2015/>

“Please visit the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the EPF Palestine Israel Network tables in the Exhibit Hall to learn more about promoting peace and justice within the Episcopal Church. Steadfast Hope and Gun Violence Prevention Curricula along with No Guns in God’s House decals, bumper stickers and EPF t-shirts are waiting for you. Stop by, pull up a chair and listen to our daily Consultation lunch time stump speakers who will certainly engage your faith on a new level,” said Rev. Liles.