

The Church of St Mary
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee
Meeting Minutes: 11-8-23
Submitted by Ruth Grundman

Committee Members Present: Sr Rita VonHoltum, LeeAnn Sticha, Anna Solheid, Julie Desautels, Florian Ledermann, Joann Weber, Ruth Grundman

Opening Prayer: Rita

Sanctity of Life: Julie

*They are focusing right now on bringing back their informational posters for the bathroom stalls.

November Food Shelf Drive: Ruth

*The parish has always been very supportive of the food drives, contributing generously with both food and monetary donations.

Review of “Connecting in New Ways” October 17 event with Bernie Evans:

*Felt Bernie’s message on our church’s teaching on social justice was good.

*Felt there was a new energy among those attending.

JPIC Vision and Goals for 2024:

*Start small with focusing on one topic.

*Look at past projects that were successful

*Topic ideas: Nonviolence – Peace cranes, peace mass

Human Migration – Immigration myths & facts presentation

Creation – climate

*Share a story through an event. People experience something from within to create awareness and then they are able to make changes. Florian shared about doing an event at their property where people can connect with nature focusing on creation/climate topic. He will come up with a proposal for our next meeting.

*We talked about a website. JPIC already is included on St Mary’s website.

Guatemala Mission Trip 2024: LeeAnn

*Notice was put in bulletin regarding the current situation in Guatemala.

*LeeAnn is in contact with them.

*A couple from our parish is planning a trip to Guatemala in June and will plan the mission trip.

Global Fair Trade Event: Rita

*Will be held on November 26 in great hall.

*All the goods for sale will be from Guatemala.

*Set up will be before 8:00 Mass.

*Need volunteers to help with customers paying for items.

10:00 mass – LeeAnn & Mark

Closing Prayer: Anna

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00