

Task Force on Peace with Justice in Palestine/Israel North Central New York Conference UMC

3 December 2005 -- Cicero UMC

Present: Gary and Linda Bergh, Len Bjorkman, Joan Overman, Dianne Roe, and Marilyn Stevens.

Minutes of 29 October were reviewed and accepted.

Educational Session for Cabinet: Joan spoke with **Thom Fassett**, who puts together the agenda for the Cabinet. Letters went out to Cabinet and to the Bishop on 28 November. The goal of this meeting is to raise awareness and to encourage visits to congresspersons. Feedback from the January Advocacy trip is important, encourage viewing of video-tapes/DVDs within congregations, awareness of Advocacy Days in D.C. scheduled for March 10-13, and mission partnership. More work needs to be done to organize the projected meeting.

Palestinian Dinner – June 3: **Linda** will speak to people to find someone to coordinate the Dinner with her; perhaps Sharity Bassett.

Palestinian Crafts: **Neil** needs to be asked 1} what do we have? and 2} do we need to order more crafts?

Letter from Anna Pillar: **Gary** will speak with **Andy Mager** at the Syracuse Peace Council concerning a public meeting with Anna; perhaps they can facilitate such a session.

Orientation Session Two with Advocacy Trip participants:

Review of Orientation materials and program itinerary.

Report from Dianne concerning life on the ground.

Sandra Olewine requests persons with digital cameras and reporting ability to share their talents.

Copies of passports and medical info are necessary.

Marvin Bodley is willing to utilize his phone card to call one set of parents on arrival – and **Joan Overman** also, who will call other contacts.

The group will gather at the NCNY Conference Office at 9 a.m. on 16 January.

**Next meeting: Friday, 6 January 2006
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. -- Cicero**