

Spires of Faith Cluster Peace and Justice Committee

Last meeting of the Spires of Faith Cluster Peace and Justice Committee was held on November 10, 2011 at Xavier Parish in Dyersville.

Present : Joan Steger, Jean Mescher, and Cookie Scherrman.

Absent : Jim Steger, Karen Domeyer, Andrew Recker, Norma Pins, and Kathleen Meyer.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Joan Steger and opened with a prayer. Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Respect Life : December 8th - 8:00pm to Midnight there will be a National Hour of Prayer held in the Convent Chapel.

March For Life Trip will be Jan. 21st to 25th. Plans are being made – more information call the Right For Life Office in Dubuque 653-556-5960. Actual March will be January 23rd.

No new news about the Gabriel Project

Haiti : Committee plans to sell **Gift Cards for Kids Against Hunger**. Information will be in the Cluster Bulletin. Cards are a way to save shopping time and to save lives. Cards will be available at the December Xavier Breakfast; the rectory; Fidelity (Joan Steger), Shirley Olberding and Cookie Scherrman.

Haiti Mission Team 2012 : will be Fr. Dennis Quint, Jim & Joan Steger, Mary Thole, Shirley Olberding, James Goldsmith, Brett Schlarmann, Jan & Katie Pirc and Cookie Scherrman. List of needs will be posted in the bulletin. Cash helps purchase life sustaining powdered milk for the babies and other items.

Rural Community Food Pantry Main topic of the meeting were various ways each parish helps the Pantry with their Christmas Projects **“Food Boxes and Angel Gifts”**.

Thanksgiving Food Collections are events in most parishes and schools.

Spires of Faith Prayer Chain continues to grow in numbers and also in prayer requests. Information about joining is in the bulletin. Praying together is powerful!

December 28th at 2:00pm there will be a Special Christmas Mass to honor the senior parishioners in our Cluster Parishes. Following the Mass there will be refreshments in Xavier Hall. Another Cluster way to pray together!!

Meeting adjourned and closed with a prayer. **Next meeting will Thursday - January 19, 2012 at 7:00pm in Earlville at St. Joseph's Rectory**

Respectfully submitted,

Cookie Scherrman