

Peacemaking Task Force Report

I hope you all have enjoyed your summer. September has now arrived with all sorts of meetings, planning, and responsibilities again taking over. Our task force enjoyed an in-person meeting hosted by members Earl Johnson and Jahnn Swanker at the Broadalbin Yacht Club. Most of our meetings are held either via zoom or a hybrid meeting in Amsterdam. We had a quiet summer, however we are now preparing to get back to our work on creation care and other matters that arise re: peacemaking.

For those new to our work, we have primarily been working on environmental issues, focussing on education and bringing our issues to the NYS legislature. Last year we hosted a worship service and workshop by Margery Rossi from the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship focussing on gun violence. Here is the link to the worship service and the workshop: For the worship service: <https://youtu.be/4KY47LOF9YM>

For the workshop: <https://youtu.be/ohO86Q5Oy68>

We were also active in promoting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA) among other environmental bills that came up. We will be continuing this work as this was not passed last session. You may all be tired of hearing about this, and we also wish that we did not have to keep pushing for this most important piece of legislation. We are following the directive of the “Becoming Free From Plastic” overture that passed the General Assembly in 2024.

For anyone interested in joining us, we meet on the third Monday of the month at 1:15 pm. As stated above, zoom or hybrid as able. We welcome new members or even one time drop-ins to share what they are doing in this most important work of creation care.

In peace,

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