

## SHOL PAX Christi Newton Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2025

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Meeting ID: 884 9646 4358 Passcode: 586544

Attendees: Alexander L, Peg M, Barbara A, Martin B, Sioux M

### Notes

1. **Opening Prayer:** Taken from [PAX Christi USA's Pray-Study-Act Lenten Companion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent 2025](#)

**God of the journey, God of the traveler,**

We pray for those who leave their homes in search of new beginnings and possibilities.  
May they know your presence with them.

**We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship.**

We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here.

**We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion.**

We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

2. **SHOL Pax Christi Newton Coordinator** – Will add a notice in the bulletin looking for members. Could PAX Christi host a coffee hour (idea: the Sunday after Earth Day at OL, April 27<sup>th</sup>). Will send this idea out to our members -Sioux

**Review of Care of Creation Event:** Food and Plastics with Professor Philip Landrigan, MD March 6 (Alexander L). Excellent attendance, excellent speakers.

**Report from PCAN** (Pax Christi New England Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) (Barbara A)

**Jesuit Refugee Services Advocacy Day 2025:** March 25th. Immigration issues will also be the topic for the May meeting of the Racial Justice Ministry (May 12, at 7:30 PM on Zoom). (Martin)

### **Pope Francis' Message for Lent: "Let us journey together in hope"**

- Journey – is our faith life moving forward or immobilized by fear? Compare our journey to migrant lives to sympathize with their experiences and discover what God

is asking of us Together – are we really listening to people, cooperating with others, make people feel welcome in our community

- In hope – “Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?”

**PAX Christi MA's Winter-Spring 2025 Newsletter** is now available. Ann C will get it to Sioux to get it to both churches. I recommend everyone [read it online](#).

**War in Gaza.** The latest PC newsletter's top story is called “Where is God in Gaza?” by Philip Harak. I would like to recommend that everyone in our group read that. Pray-study-action? Any suggestions? Jan Leary of Pax Christi MetroWest is holding Zoom meetings to discuss the workbook “Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace” – for people looking to learn the history and context of why October 7th happened, resulting in the Israeli genocide against Palestine. The first meeting is tomorrow, March 14th. If anyone is interested, I have Jan's contact information and can pick up the workbooks if you want to join the Zoom meetings.

**Earth Day** next month April 22nd. The Tuesday after Easter.

**16th Annual Archdiocese of Boston Social Justice Convocation** – March 29th at BC High. “Hope for Our Common Home: Catholics Caring for Creation.” Register [HERE](#).

**Annual Pax Christi Massachusetts Spring Retreat “Hope for the Long Haul: Finding our place in poetic time”**, Saturday, April 12, 2025, 9 am – 3 pm, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1076 Thorndike Street, Palmer, MA. The retreat will be led by Brad Wolf, a former prosecutor, professor, and community college dean. Brad is the executive director of Peace Action Network of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, co-coordinator of the Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal, and current chair of the US Organizing Committee for the People's Tribunal on the Korean Victims of the 1945 Atomic Bombings. Brad was recently the editor of A Ministry of Risk, a book on the collected writings of Philip Berrigan. A donation of \$40.00 is requested. Lunch is included. High School and College students with ID are free. Online registration is found [HERE](#).

**The Ellsberg Initiative for Peace and Democracy presents “Sparing Nothing and No One: Climate Change and Nuclear Weapons”** on Zoom at the same time as this meeting but will be available as a recording next week. This webinar explores the twin existential threats of climate change and nuclear weapons, and how climate justice and nuclear abolition movements might join forces to eliminate both threats. Ira Helfand is one of the four speakers. (Barbara A.) \*[LINK TO VIDEO ON YOUTUBE](#)

## Reading suggestions

[The Cross and the Lynching Tree](#) by James H. Cone

SKD is using this book for their Lenten reflection, meeting on Sundays on Zoom.

**Proposed April Meeting:** Thursday, April 10, 7 pm on Zoom (One more Thursday during Lent, then back to regular Wednesday meetings)