

Topic: Joint Meeting of Pax Christi Newton and SHOL Newton Creation Care Team

Time: Jul 9, 2025 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Attendees: Alexander L, Sioux M, Maria R, Barbara A, Cathy S, Monica PT, Peg M

1. Opening Prayer “God our Father, who in Christ, the firstborn of all creation, called all things into being, grant, we pray, that docile to the life-giving breath of your Spirit, we may lovingly care for the work of your hands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

2. SHOL Pax Christi Newton Coordinator: (Sioux) Looking for ideas from members, asking members to pray for new leadership.

3. Pax Christi Night of prayer for peace -> find a date in September (Fri Sep 12, 7 PM) – theme: world peace. In-person night of prayer. SAVE THE DATE. We need members to attend, to pitch PAX Christi ideals, looking to increase membership. Prayer for the people to be in touch with God in this time of great violent turmoil. (Sioux will talk to Fr. Dan about it)

4. Pax Christi Hiroshima/Nagasaki 80th Anniversary – August 1-9th – Novena for nuclear disarmament. Will use the PAX Christi novena document with reflections based on Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace. Will need members to volunteer to lead prayers and reflections. Get Zoom from Barbara. Monica will help (from the Cape or before) - Ask for help in the bulletin?

5. New newsletter from PAX Christi - get hard copy from Ann to put in the churches (Sioux)

6. RJM - CST, Ann Joseph on DEI in the fall? (Peg)

7. CCT Follow-up on keeping track of energy details for Mike Bliss, Andy M is looking for someone from CCT to do that tracking - fill in the sheets from IFPL. Where does this data live and how do we get at it? (Alex)

8. CCT Follow-up on possibility of Facilities Committee - how do we move this forward? (Alex)

Barbara adds that Chris heads this up at SH so the focus is on OL (letter to Fr Dan and Mike Bliss who brought it to the finance committee) Use the gifts of people in the parish with figuring out what to do with the issues of the parish (issue with roof and solar panels needs to get done by Jul 4 2026).

9. CCT Coffee hour in the fall. Will we participate each week by guiding the compost task? And will we try to have uniform compostable items, bought by Maria, with a 3-D poster showing them? How do we educate people about how to green coffee hour? Materials

management guide from the City of Newton QR code “Recycle Right Newton App is the best” - get a handout in the bulletin (bring your own coffee mug!). Compostable stuff needs to be BPI. Why do we recycle? Why do we compost? How do we do this at coffee hour? Ask Leslee to include/add confirmation kids sign up for composting help at coffee hour

Please send any omissions or corrections to smont@sholnewton.org.

Peace,

Sioux Mont

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