

Peace & Justice at SJA: Ministry News and Guest Speaker Schedule

January, 2015

January 10: Our **Housing Ministry** team with Urban Homeworks is full – a great group of parishioners helping to rehab a home (hopefully with heat) in North Minneapolis. Also, our **EcoSpirits** will meet at Woodlake Nature Center for our annual retreat day of evaluation and planning.

January 11: New dad and SJA RCIA leader **Ian Stade** will share his beautiful reflection on baptism.

January 18: **T Mychael Rambo and Thomasina Petrus** will read from the words of Dr. King and from a reflection on racial justice recently issued by a group of more than 400 North American Catholic moral theologians.

January 19: **Every Church a Peace Church** will hold its potluck and meeting at 6:30pm in Hospitality Hall with presenter Mel Reeves, human rights activist, on **“Martin Luther King and the Nonviolent Jesus.”**

January 20: **“Why #BlackLivesMatter Matters to Us.”** Our **SJA ISAIAH core team** has prepared a great evening of questions and discussion of recent events in our country that have the potential to move us in the direction of true racial justice and equity. 7pm at The Arc.

January 24: **ISAIAH** (our ecumenical coalition of more than 100 metro area churches working on issues of economic and racial justice) will host a **legislative training and action** on Sat. Jan. 24 from 9:30am-2pm at Christ Lutheran Church near the Capitol. We will launch an ambitious agenda to move our state forward.

January 25: **Towards Health Care for All: Dr. Ed Ehlinger**, Commissioner of the MN Department of Health, returns as our guest speaker. Our own **SJA Conversations on Health Care** network will host his presentation following the 11:00 mass, at 12:45 in the church, to discuss health care delivery in the U.S. and in other countries.

January 29: Our **SJA WAMM/Peacemakers** will host a screening of **"The Ghosts of Jeju"** on Thurs. Jan. 29 at 7pm in Hospitality Hall. This moving film depicts the resistance led by South Koreans and a legion of international peacemakers and environmental protectors to a U.S. military base being constructed on a beautiful island in South Korea. FFI, go to www.theghostsofjeju.net.

February 1: **A Prayer from SJA for Those Awaiting Deportation:** Following the 11:00 mass, we will board a bus to St. Paul's Adult Detention Center, where we will host our annual vigil for undocumented people awaiting deportation. To reserve a seat on the bus, contact Julie Madden. We will vigil at 1pm and return to SJA by 2pm.

February 3: **Fun with Catholic Social Teaching:** A presentation by Julie Madden for our RCIA group at 7pm in the church, open to the parish, on our call to peace and justice as lived out by Jesus and articulated by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.