

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Present: Jack, Taigen, Charles, Oche, Dean, Kevin

Facilitated by Dean, minutes by Kevin

CAPA Discussion:

Jack and Charles have gone to some Chicago Area Peace Action (CAPA) Friday meetings, and talked with David Borris again. There may be an anti-nuclear conference in early 2022 (U of C will be a sponsor? Unclear at this time). David also suggested reaching out to Congress directly, although it's hard to sell the idea of eliminating land based missiles in the USA right now (under the mantle of "no first use").

Rohingya Petition:

Jack sent the petition out to Thich Nhat Hanh affiliated groups, and now has over 170 signatures. Taigen will send the petition out to a Soto Zen Priest's group. Hoping to partner with some Holocaust Museum (DC) people (there was a recent Zoom panel), and groups that are actively monitoring potential holocaust situations, including the Rohingya plight, today. Please visit: Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, at <<https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention>>.

BPF Chicago Outreach:

It's really good that we have kept the Hiroshima Remembrance Day alive, and we can plan for next year's event, and try to get more young people involved. Taigen, Charles, and Jack further discuss outreach and teaching opportunities at Loyola, DePaul, etc, possibly for the Spring/Summer of 2022. Perhaps do a forum on civility and non-violence? Dean notes how desperately needed anti-violence work is.

Four Areas of Discussion:

To summarize, Charles observes that we're all discussing four basic topics here: conference on nuclear weapons (and getting rid of them); Rohingya genocide; violent speech in today's society; and ways to mindfully get active in politics.

NEXT ZOOM MEETING (no December meeting):

Third Thursday, January 20, 2022: 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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