

Oneida Community Interfaith
Task Force

January 4, 1989

Meeting Summary

Present: Fr. George Lenzner, Rev. Carson Timblin, Fr. Jim Dolan, Joan Rueden,
Fr. Pete Renard, Anna Matuszak, Loretta Metoxen and Shirley Goral

1. The subject of the community prayer service was decided. It was felt the service should revolve around light and darkness, with the accent on the light in the community. It was felt the service should include the following features:

- a sense of hope and confidence
- the prayer of St. Francis
- readings from the Great Law and the Christian Scriptures
- common Christian songs with some sung by Oneidas
- a few Long House songs
- Indian poetry
- planting of "trees of peace" in large pots which could be taken back to each parish for replanting in the spring on each parish premise. The planting of the "trees of peace" will be the transition from the prayer service to the social.

The target date for the Prayer Service is Sunday, March 12.

Jim will rough out a suggested prayer service to work off at the next meeting (e.g., enclosed).

2. Loretta talked about a video on Oneida spirituality. The group felt it could be used at the social. Loretta will also get copies of the Great Law for everyone, and look into obtaining some Oneida poetry.
3. Everyone will try to bring some resources for the prayer service.
4. Next meeting: Monday, February 6, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00, Parsonage of the Oneida Methodist Church (1852 Freedom Road). Coffee and rolls will be served.

- Jim Putman
Facilitator