

Justice and Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)

“The task of prophetic imagination and ministry is to cut through the despair and to penetrate the dissatisfied coping that seems to have no end or resolution...to bring to public expression those very hopes and yearnings that have been denied so long and suppressed so deeply that we no longer know they are there...to speak metaphorically about hope but concretely about the real newness that comes to us and redefines our situation.”

(The Prophetic Imagination, by Walter Brueggemann)

All is One – Weaving A Single Cloth For Justice.

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- **Sr. Carol Zinn SSJ:** Sr. Carol’s presentations helped to provide a Scriptural back drop for our Justice reflection. I’d like to share a few of Carol’s key thoughts, not necessarily in her exact words or in her exact order of sharing.
- From John 17 we know that “everything is one”.
- We need to ask ourselves ‘what difference does Gospel living make in my life, in the community and in the world?’ How are we leavened?
- We look around and see the vast movements of peoples seeking home, peace, respect and a quality of life.
- Unity has been broken! What is our response?
- The Gospel is our daily handbook or manual for finding the answers to prophetic witness. We need to look at Jesus and the disciples and how they lived.

- **Jesus was the message.** He reached out to people on the margins.
- Jesus did not focus on himself. He brought people to the Father. Jesus lived **UNITY, RELATIONALITY, INCLUSION, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS** and **RECONCILIATION**.
- Jesus also lived ‘*RNEME!*’ Jesus ‘embodied’ the following:

Recognize - this evolutionary moment in history.

Nurture - a transformation of consciousness

Echo – embrace what we nurture (transformation).

Model - the above everywhere.

Embody – become the transformation of consciousness.

As communities we need to join with Jesus in sharing hope for life and joy in abundance. We are called to bring God’s presence into our world through our living and witness. We need to see everything as gift and gift to be nurtured and shared.

“As long as you did it to one of these little ones, you did it to me.” (Mt. 25)

