

FIRST PRINCIPLE PROJECT MEETING October 28, 2015

A meeting of the First Principle Project was held on Oct. 28 at First Parish. Present were Sonia D'Alarcao, Betty Gilson, Susan Holton, David Page and the Rev. Rachel Tedesco. The following items were discussed and decided.

- There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed Black Lives Matter workshop. Susan shared material from a program used at the UU Church in Portland, OR directed by Kathy Lore, Social Justice Minister there. Rev. Paul has agreed to do a four week class on "Being UU in the Black Lives Matter Movement". Sonia raised issues about the program being directed only to white congregants. Susan will address this with Rev. Paul.
- Sonia reported on the "Read to Me, Father" program at Old Colony Correctional Institute, including both the successes and frustrations in working on the program. She told of how important the Tuesday evening meetings are to her personally, and Betty concurred. At this time we need more volunteers since some of our original group are no longer able to participate. Sonia will write an announcement to be read Sun., Nov. 1 by the Lay Leader and another message to be posted in the weekly church email. Betty will deliver these.
- After talking about our links with Messiah Baptist Church in Brockton, we decided that a spring picnic would be a good project. Rachel will contact Laurie Lessner, R E chair, and Sara Williams, DRE, to work on these plans. The suggested location is D. W. Field Park in Brockton.