

**THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER**  
**+People of Faith Working Together For Justice in Public Policy+**  
**Board Meeting of December 17,2009**

**Attending:** D.Bird, S.Chamberlin, G.L'Esperance, B.J.Gottoroff, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Metzger, M.Morich, I.Morrison, G.Mott, W.Spilly, G.Strother, B.Swan, and M.Wienk.

**Guests-** Rosemary Rivera and Tamara Slater

**1. Opening Reflection-** By B.J.Gottoroff.

**2. Minutes Approval-** Motion by W.Spilly ; seconded by I.Morrison to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting. Approved unanimously.

**3. Immigration Committee-** The Immigration Committee will meet on 1/18/10 at 130 PM at the South Wedge Diner on S.Clinton Ave. All TIAR members are welcome to attend. G.L'Esperance shared a letter written by Bishop Clark in which he took a very similar position on immigration to that taken by TIAR. G.L'Esperance also reported that there will be a conference in Ithaca, NY on January 9 & 10, 2010.

**4. Poverty Committee-** No report. P.Brayer sent message that he would be accepting Reentry program packs of toiletries through 12/19/09. G.L'Esperance raised the concept of the Kibbutz or possibly a Moshav as possible approached for some who live in poverty.

**5. Outreach Committee-** M.Morich reported. She will be calling a committee meeting in January 2010.

**6. Follow up Discussion to the 11/09 discussion of same sex marriage-** The consensus was that it was a worthwhile process of listening to each other. The opportunity to have heard more points of view would have been welcome.

**7. Social Networking and TIAR-** Those who attended the presentation by Todd Goddard were very enthusiastic about what they heard. We very much appreciated the clarity and his ability to present the difficult so it could be understood. One question will be whether or not we will be able to have a person or persons to monitor Facebook or a similar program on a daily basis. We plan to have a deeper discussion at the January 2010 Executive Committee. We hope interested board members will attend.

**8. Interfaith Conference at Nazareth College 4/ 11 - 13 /2010-** More information will follow.

**9. Presentations by third parties at board meetings to better educate on about specific issues in which we are involved or in which we have an interest.- A preliminary discussion took place.**