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MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Wesley United Methodist Church
800 E. 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50316-4304

Brown Bag Lunch

MISSION STATEMENT

To bring together and inform individuals and groups concerned about women in the Iowa correctional system and to act on their behalf.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORTS:

ICIW Report – Warden Patti Wachtendorf or ICIW Representative
Fresh Start – Peggy Urtz
Treasurer – Rosemary Jungmann

PROGRAM/FOCUS:

It is our pleasure to welcome Bonnie Campbell to our October meeting. Bonnie's name is familiar to most of us since she served four years as the Iowa Attorney General and then joined the Clinton Administration as one of its key officials on crime and gender-equity issues. Selected by Clinton in 1995 to head the Justice Department's newly-created Office on Violence Against Women, Campbell emerged as a national leader for her work to bring victim-rights reform to the country's criminal justice system. Campbell's effectiveness led Time magazine in 1997 to name her one of the 25 most influential people in America. Praising her for bringing a "rock-solid credibility" to her job, Time called Campbell the "force behind a grass-roots shift in the way Americans view the victims—and perhaps more important, the perpetrators—of crimes against women." As director of the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women, Campbell oversaw a \$1.6 billion program to provide resources to communities for training judges, prosecutors, and police and to provide services and shelter to victims. We look forward to hearing Bonnie's presentation.

RECAP OF September 16, 2014 MEETING:

We welcomed Jim Pemble, faithful attender at our meetings, who led us through an AMOS House meeting. Jim has worked on various AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) committees and a few of the issues including: Youth and Education, mental health, regional skate park, sales tax for education, immigrant driver's licenses, disproportionate arrests in schools of minorities, and the governor's task

force on youth incarceration.

The AMOS House Meeting concept is based on discussing: What social justice issue keeps you awake at night? What injustice personally impacts you and your family? What pressures do you face daily? House meetings involve roughly 10 others for 45 minutes to an hour. This is the only method AMOS uses to identify the issues for which it will advocate. Our group came up with several suggestions, including shackling – which we determined is more a problem in county jails than at ICIW.

Jim became involved in Voices to Be Heard as a result of Restorative Justice work. He helped develop the connections for Camp Hope – a United Methodist camp for children who have someone in their family in prison. Jim and Kay Olson will speak to us in December on Camp Hope

UPCOMING MEETINGS & PRESENTERS:

Our November presenters will be Jane Hudson and another attorney from Iowa Disability Rights. They will share with us work they are doing with women at ICIW. They are eager to hear from our experience and contacts within the prison. Please bring any questions you have concerning their work with women with disabilities and mental illness.

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