



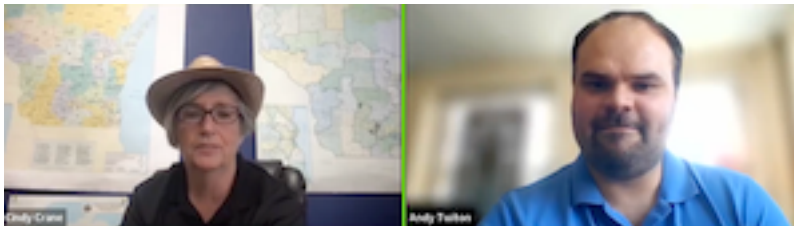
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December 2024
Updates

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Updates include our final
Wednesday Noon Live
and an important announcement about a
special **WI/UP Gathering of Synods to**
Support our Immigrant Neighbors on
December 18 at 4:30 PM



Final Wednesday Noon
Live!

This is our last Wednesday Noon Live. We look back over the past five years since Rev. Andy Twiton and I started the program in 2019, and we also look forward. We have a few comments in between the first clips and then show nonstop clips since the beginning of the pandemic until our episode in Nov. 2024. We offer reflections and tips toward the end.

Some of our past videos downloaded without sound. Apologies for not including many of our excellent guests.

Wednesday Noon Live began as a virtual/audio newsletter related to our priorities but morphed into focusing on interviews, many of which were directly related to our priorities. However,

we began to include broader topics of interest to our communities, while our direct advocacy work remained more focused.

At the very end, the list of people thanked since I began my ministry with you in 2014 is certainly not all-inclusive. Here, I'd like to add my gratitude to Rev. Peter Heide, Rev. James Lynch and others who have helped with Monday Quotes over the years.

Website recommended by Andy: findingsteadyground.com

Book recommended by Cindy: "On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century" by Timothy Snyder

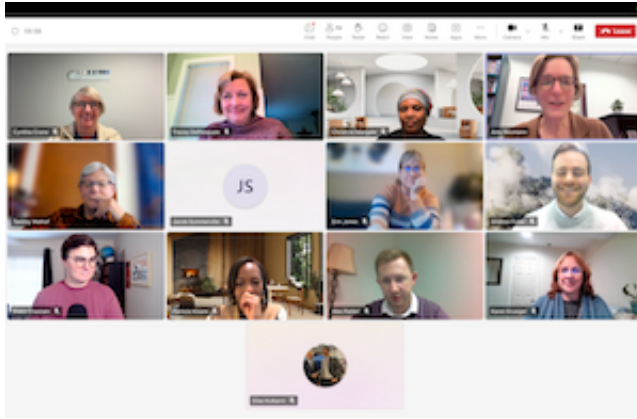


Immigration: Join AMMPARO, Neighbor to Neighbor, and the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin **on Wednesday, December 18 at 4:30 PM** for a **WI/UP Gathering of Synods to Support our Immigrant Neighbors!** Share experiences and ideas about ways to be supportive of our immigrant neighbors as we enter

2025. Chicago may be among the first cities, or the first city targeted for mass deportation - a crisis in our backyard and at home. **Please respond to this email for a Zoom link.**

Gratitude





Working as the only ongoing staff for LOPPW and traveling around, so much recognition to mark my retirement has been unexpected. I feel thankful for the many lovely messages; the gathering with some of our faithful bishops, all of whom (present and not present) have been advocates with LOPPW over the years; a fun good-bye lunch with the great staff at the SCSW office, where LOPPW is privileged to be housed; and an online gathering with Rev. Amy Reumann, my astute and supportive supervisor, and other remarkable Witness in Society colleagues from around the country. Thank you especially for the warm send-off from our dedicated LOPPW Policy Council, which included a few former policy council members; they knew how to throw a party and express their friendship. And, yes, an art print of Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a great gift for someone who loves Bonhoeffer's writing and is involved in advocacy.

I realize that not everyone gets to retire or choose when they retire. I do not take celebration before retiring for granted and believe everyone marking such a transition should be celebrated.

More updates to come before my last day on December 31.

Blessings,

Pastor Cindy

Thank you for spending time with us and for your advocacy!