

168 Huntley Road
Buffalo, NY 14215
June 29, 2009

The Rev. Tracy Daub
University Presbyterian Church
3330 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214

Dear Rev. Daub,

Thank you for your support of the candlelight Vigil for Torture Abolition and Healing that took place on the front grounds of University Presbyterian Church on the evening of June 27, 2009.

A multi-faith gathering of thirty-seven people from city and suburb, from a number of different religious congregations and organizations, from the Western New York Peace Center, gathered quietly to witness for a world of peace and healing and respect for the dignity of humankind.

June is Torture Awareness month. Our witness was in support of the work being led by the multi-faith National Religious Campaign Against Torture (www.nrcat.org) and the Torture Abolition Survivors Support Committee International (www.tassc.org).

Many of the vigil participants thanked us for offering them this opportunity to take a public stand for human dignity. Many pedestrian passers-by stopped to talk with us to learn about our witness; many drivers honked their horns in support as they drove by our gathering. As for me, a sense of peace entered my heart as the gathering took place.

With the help of my co-leader, Sister Lori High, SSMN, we hope to repeat our vigil next year on the grounds of a different congregation. Year by year we want to add new religious bodies and new participants to witness to our belief in the holiness of God's created human beings.

Thank you for making it possible for us to make this blessed beginning.

Sincerely,

Howard Henry