

## Fairlawn Reads, Feb 6, 2011 "Lives Still in the Balance"

### Responses to Question 3 – What can we do at Fairlawn to be a voice for social justice?

Create video stories to post on You Tube of people in poverty and success stories

March 8, 2011 is International Women's Day. As part of the celebration, share stories in the congregation of families that challenge stereotypes

March 9, 2011 at Yonge Street Mission is a day of celebration with the theme of Transformation. Check their website and plan to attend

Continue to tell success stories in Community Life and on our Social Justice Bulletin Board

Post comments about the need for social justice, poverty reduction, affordable housing, as well as success stories, on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter

Develop a process to assist people in creating a voice for themselves so they can speak out on social justice issues

Create a partnership with a sister church struggling with poverty issues to learn from each other

Keep talking up the issues with friends, family, neighbours, co-workers. For example, start the conversation with "I just read an interesting book...", or "I've been volunteering with the CRC in Regent Park", or "Did you know..." [Brush up on your poverty stats]

Get youth involved: ask them for ideas of how they would like to be involved

Continue to sponsor Social Justice seminars to educate the Fairlawn community and expand to our north Toronto community

Provide opportunities for members of the congregation to volunteer at CRC

"Be a seed that spreads". Ask Trinity St. Paul's how they do it

Create a feeling of "community" and support within Fairlawn by reaching out to people we don't know well or don't recognize. Be welcoming.

Lead by example.

Write advocacy letters to our municipal, provincial and federal politicians. Sign petitions and share online petitions.