December 6, 2012

On Sunday, December 16 People of Faith Against the Death Penalty will hold our annual membership meeting via a national teleconference. The call will take place at 4 pm Eastern, 1 pm Pacific.

On the call you will hear live from Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*
and chair of PFADP's Kairos Campaign, on the state of the abolition movement. PFADP board members and staff will discuss PFADP's work across the country.

We encourage you to join this important call, which we expect to last little more than 30 minutes.

The meeting is open to all, but only voting members of PFADP (folks who have paid their annual dues of $35/individual, $50 household) can be allowed to vote. You can initiate or renew your voting membership right now, http://www.pfadp.org/donate-right-buttons-104 .

The business part of the meeting: PFADP's board of directors proposes an important change to our bylaws during this conference call. PFADP is registered with the IRS as a membership-based organization, meaning a certain level of annual donation makes a person eligible to vote for candidates to our board of directors. In theory this appears democratic, but in practice only the people who are physically in attendance at our national membership meetings (or who would answer a mailed voting proxy) vote. That means only a very small percentage of our members actually vote. We are proposing adopting changes to our bylaws that eliminate the voting membership in PFADP.

If you are interested in participating, **you can register for the call here**: http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/1576/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KEY=7189
. We will send you information on the call and how to submit questions and comments.

As we expand our national programs we expect you to have greater opportunities to become more directly engaged in our work if you would like. Let us know!

Thank you. We look forward to joining you on December 16th!