

Beloved Community Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6:30pm

Attendees: Kathy Stewart, Adina Reynolds, Lorina Goodjoint, John and Leanne Kennedy, Sueann Goretti

Opening Prayer: Lorina Goodjoint

The meeting started at 6:35pm.

- Our opening discussion was about Lorina's meeting today with Fr. Kendall. They talked about our Beloved Community - its mission, and scope, the functions of the team and what we are doing now.
- Could the Beloved Community Team expand into other areas of church responsibilities to be experienced by the larger community of St. Matthew. Perhaps flowing over into Bible Study and High Holy Days.
- Fr. Kendall invited Beloved Community Team to take an active part in the Ascension Day dinner being planned for Thursday May 26th and asked for a team member to volunteer to help Mary Blacker in planning and producing it. Team member Kathy Stewart volunteered.
- Fr. Kendall also asked for someone to write a short piece for the Newsletter about the Beloved Community Team and Adina Reynolds volunteered to write and submit it by next Tuesday.
- We then discussed Chapter 6: "Lose Your Life - Kenosis," of The Church Cracked Open book which will be presented on Sunday, May 1st, 2022 for our church book discussion.
- As we have been doing each week, we discuss and decide on book content and questions. We also decide on who performs each task for the Church Cracked Open book discussion.
- It should be noted that team members are donating 3-5 hours a week of their time toward production of The Church Cracked Open series. "It takes a village" as they say, and in our case, a Beloved Community.
- Each week we discuss areas of improvement, and in particular, the Zoom experience has become better each week. We are not experts in technology, but we are a Community of Beloveds who are invested in a quality experience and dedicated to sharing a safe space for connection and discussion.

The team members and their roles for Sunday are as follows:

Facilitator: John Kennedy.

PowerPoint Editor: Kathy Stewart.

PowerPoint and Zoom: Lorina Goodjoint.

Quotes from Book: Kathy Stewart.

Readers: Leanne Kennedy and Adina Reynolds.

Time Keeper: Sueann Goretti.

The meeting ended at 7:50pm with a prayer by Lorina Goodjoint.

Respectfully Submitted by Adina Reynolds.