

Beloved Community Meeting

March 18, 2021

In attendance: Adina Reynolds, Jeff Clapp, Zawadi Chege, Kathy Stewart, Elizabeth Holland, Lorina Goodjoint

- **Better Together Conference**
 - Kathy and Adina attended the Better Together Conference from the Diocese and shared their experience;
 - **To watch videos from Conference:** <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8261953>
 - Info was given about the *Circles of Color*, which is a Diocesan ministry
 - Adina shared about a book titled, *Racial Healing* and reading it together as a ministry
- **Developing a Mission Statement**
 - *“Creating a space for the gathering of stories to create a communal connection, to create a greater understanding, and a sense of community”*
 - We want our mission statement to be a never-ending statement, a journey
 - Revise the above mission statement at our next meeting
- **St. Matthew hosting a Crossroads Training**
 - St. Matthew’s could sponsor or host a Crossroads Training for the wider church or community
 - We need to ask Crossroads, what is the people limit for their trainings?
 - We would first reach out to the Parishioners, then our greater church community (local churches, etc.), then our wider community
 - Make sure the Parishioners “are on board” with this
 - The trainings would educate others, create dialogue, and a “common language” for social injustices
 - An example of how pronouns and ancestral land acknowledgement was given
 - Make sure we have an ASL interpreter
 - In the future, applying for a grant to help with the Crossroads Training in the Parish and wider community and an ASL interpreter
 - Include an Educational Workshop
 - The Workshop should be “on-going” not a one-time thing
 - Have a 3-part series: First event- Inspirational; Second event- Have an action plan for attendees to do; Third event- Follow-up/Reflection/Discuss performed action
- **Welcoming new members**
 - The Crossroads Training offered to new group members, but not a requirement to be a part of the ministry
 - Include information about our meetings in the St. Matthew newsletters with link to our ministry website
 - Lorina will reach out to Fr. Kendall about this
 - Conversation starters: Decide weekly question(s) after each meeting. Reflect and then discuss at the next meeting

Conversation starter question for next week’s meeting: Notice how language around you (in media, a conversation, a personal experience, etc.) is used to create division amongst us or communion?

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021 @ 5pm
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