

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022

Opening Prayer by Lorina Goodjoint

People who attended – Lorina Goodjoint, Adina Reynolds, Kathy Stewart

Continued Planning for Book Discussion Groups

The book to be discussed is “The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community” by Stephanie Spellers. The author is the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s Cannon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation, helping Episcopalians to share good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement.

Our team discussed how we are going to implement the book group discussions with interested parishioners via Zoom. We will use the Reflection & Action Guide for these group sessions. We will first offer two group sessions each week, one in the morning and one in the evening so people can choose a day and time based on their own schedules. Depending on the number of interested parishioners who respond, we will then decide the actual number of groups and the days/times of the sessions.

We anticipate that there will be 8-10 weekly sessions, possibly from mid-March to late April (to be determined). Our team will take on the following roles: opening and closing prayers, logistics of Zoom sessions, facilitator, Power Point slides, reflective questions, and time keeper. Each week the group(s) will discuss one or two chapters of the book. At the end of each session, the participants will write down their own action plan for the upcoming week. At each subsequent session the participants will reflect on their action plan and report back to the group, if they choose.

Next Steps

- (1) Lorina will contact team members who have not been able to attend the last few meetings to bring them up to date and to discuss what role(s) they would like to take during the book group discussions.
- (2) Lorina will meet with Fr. Kendall to discuss how they envision his role in the book discussions.
- (3) Our team decided to study the book more in depth to prepare for the series of sessions. We will meet weekly in February and early March to discuss each chapter and determine how we will use the Reflection & Action Guide.
- (4) The team will invite parishioners to participate in the Book Discussion Groups. Fr. Kendall will send this invitation via electronic newsletter, email and regular mail to all parishioners.

Closing prayer by Kathy Stewart

The next meeting for the Beloved Community Team will be on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please email Lorina at lorinagoodj@msn.com so she can send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

Minutes by Kathy Stewart