

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2021

Opening Prayer by Lorina Goodjoint

People who attended – Lorina Goodjoint, Adina Reynolds, Kathy Stewart, Andy Bartels, John Kennedy

In the context of our **Mission Statement**, the team finalized our **Action Statement**. See these statements below:

Beloved Community Mission Statement:

Fostering a space to tell our stories and our truth about racial and social injustices, to begin to understand the past and present effect of racism in our society, and to create a community of healing and reconciliation.

Beloved Community Action Plan Statement:

To proclaim the way of Jesus Christ through love, forgiveness, and justice to the St. Matthew community and beyond to take action to resolve social injustice.

We are now ready to identify some specific steps in our **Action Plan**.

Our proposed Action Plan will include:

- 1) St. Matthew's a Church Cracked Open book discussion group
- 2) Meeting talking and building relationships
- 3) Read and discuss books & documentaries about social justice and racial equality

The team discussed the use of the book "The Church Cracked Open" as a framework for discussion groups within our parish. Some members of the team have read this book and the other team members plan to read it. There is a study guide that goes along with this book. The team will review this study guide and consider using it for the discussion groups. Lorina will contact Rev. Josh Hosler at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Federal Way to get more information on using this book and study guide.

The Beloved Community Team will work closely with Fr. Kendall to determine when to implement some of our action steps. This will depend on St. Matthew's plan for rebuilding and reopening as we move into 2022. The team hopes to start the Beloved Community conversations with parishioners at the church and provide options for parishioners regarding how they can participate (e.g., at church, at private homes, at Zoom meetings, or a combination of these).

Closing prayer by Lorina Goodjoint

The next meeting for the Beloved Community Team will be on Thursday, January 6, 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