

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2021

Opening Prayer – Lorina

Discussion

- The recent verdict on the killing of George Floyd was discussed. The group shared their thoughts and emotions, including relief, sadness, empathy for all families involved, and hope that this verdict will bring real change toward our social justice system and other institutions.
- The issue was raised that there may be some parishioners who are interested in joining the Beloved Community Team. Different perspectives on relevant issues related to marginalized people are welcomed in our discussions. It was suggested to send out a “blast email” to invite all parishioners who may be interested to join the team. Lorina will follow up with Fr. Kendall.
- We discussed some resources that can help us have a greater understanding of people’s experiences of racism. For example,
  - 1) a recent Netflix movie titled “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom,” a story placed in the 1920’s that illustrates how Chicago white management was determined to control the legendary “Mother of the Blues.”
  - 2) Dr. Ben Danielson, a prominent pediatrician at Seattle Children’s Odessa Brown Clinic that serves primarily Black children and families, resigns citing institutional racism at Seattle Children’s Hospital.
- The Team also shared some interesting and funny stories that we each have had when experiencing a culture different from our own.

Next meeting will be on May 13th at 5:00 pm. Lorina will send out the Zoom invite.

The Conversation Starter for the next meeting will be to share something new we have explored or experienced that has opened our eyes to the history of a minority group.

At our next meeting we will continue to work on our mission statement for the Beloved Community Team. This mission statement will articulate the purpose of the team and lay the foundation for team’s work.

Minutes by Kathy Stewart