

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2021

Opening Prayer – Kathy Stewart

Discussion

- We were not able to finalize our mission statement as we hoped during this meeting. Lorina will reach out to team members who have not yet had input on the mission statement. Writing mission statements can take a long time and we want to make sure everyone on the team has had a chance for input.
- Kathy Stewart explained that the next monthly mailer (end of June) will include information about our Beloved Community Team. Since the Beloved Community Team formed during COVID-19 when we could not meet in person, most parishioners do not know about our team. Therefore, this gives us the opportunity to describe the purpose of our team, how/when the team was formed, who is currently on the team, and what our hopes are for the future of this ministry. Kathy, with Lorina's oversight, will develop the article about our team for the June monthly mailer. Lorina and Kathy will contact each team member to make sure team members are willing to briefly say who they are and why they joined the team. We will include in the article an open invitation to those who would like to join our team. This article is due to the Virtual Services Team (Sherry Mees Hartley) by June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- We recognize how important it is that our team is visible when we are allowed finally to meet in person. We discussed how our team could start now to prepare how best to proceed when we do gather in person. A couple of suggestions that were discussed included gathering in small groups in private homes over the next few months to discuss how St. Matthew parishioners might engage in understanding the issues of racism and how we can work toward racial healing. John Kennedy suggested that we could watch a movie and have a discussion about racial issues. We could have a book group where we can discuss some key books that shed light on issues of race. We may want to gather information from parishioners about their interests and ideas in exploring these issues.

Our next meeting will be on 7/29/21 at 5:00 PM when we hope to finalize our mission statement and to discuss what our team can do to engage those parishioners who are interested in learning more about racial issues and how we can work toward racial healing.

Closing prayer – Lorina Goodjoint

Minutes by Kathy Stewart