

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2021

Opening Prayer – Lorina

Discussion

- The team decided our official mission statement will be as follows:

“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.”

- We voted to establish the official name of our group as “Beloved Community Team.” Lorina will ask Elizabeth Holland to change the name on St. Matthew’s web page.
- We discussed various ways we might connect with other parishioners to inform them about our team and our mission statement. We want to start exploring with other parishioners the issues of social justice, racism and racial healing. Our plan is to select a video, a documentary, and/or an essay on social justice issues and invite parishioners to join us for conversation. As per St. Matthew’s guidelines regarding COVID, we will meet outside (social distancing) at one of the parishioner’s home on **Tuesday, August 31st at 5:00 pm**. There will be other opportunities for the church community to join these gatherings when St. Matthew is open.
- Instructions: By **August 9th** e-mail the team your suggestion for a short video, documentary or essay. By **August 11th** rank these suggestions in order of your preferences to determine which one will be discussed at the upcoming meeting with interested parishioners on **August 31st at 5:00 pm**.

Closing prayer – Lorina Goodjoint

Minutes by Kathy Stewart