

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022

Opening Prayer by Andy Bartels

People who attended – Lorina Goodjoint (team leader), Adina Reynolds, Kathy Stewart, Andy Bartels, John Kennedy

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Lorina led us in a discussion as we shared our concerns, feelings, and need for prayers as we continue our ministry of becoming a beloved community at St. Matthew

Lorina announced that she plans to step down from the team leader position on December 31, 2022, but she would like to remain on the team to help continue our ministry.

Announcement of a Congregation Development Grant

On August 30, 2022, St. Matthew was awarded a \$12,000 grant from the Diocese to expand our efforts in becoming a beloved community. The purpose of the Congregational Development Grant for St. Matthew is *“to move from the early stages of our “Becoming a Beloved Community” journey to the next critical step where more parishioners are following the way of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and engaging their hearts and minds toward reconciliation and healing of racial and social injustice.”*

This next phase, beginning 2023, is a step toward our 5-year goal for the Beloved Community at St. Matthew (ref. St. Matthew’s Strategic Plan).

Our team discussed how we envision building community and connecting with parishioners at St. Matthew in the context of our faith. By following God’s plan and his guidance we believe we can use the energy of our team to fuel our actions as we move forward with the opportunities that this Congregational Development Grant provide us. We have full support from the Diocese, and they have asked Carla Robinson, Canon for Multicultural Ministries, to consult with us.

Next Steps

We will not be showing the *We are Puyallup: A Brief History of the Puyallup Tribe* short video as discussed at our prior meeting for an event on All Saints Day, Nov. 6. We will take time to discern and pray as a Team on where Jesus Christ wants to lead us.

At the next meeting on October 6, 2022, the team will clarify how we will proceed as we place Jesus Christ at the center of Beloved Community Team ministry and our grant activities. Kathy will contact Carla to discuss her role as a consultant to our team. In the meantime, we will continue to pray for each other and for St. Matthew as we listen to the Holy Spirit in our personal lives and in our church.

Closing prayer by Andy Bartels

Minutes by Kathy Stewart

Minutes revised by Lorina Goodjoint

The next meeting for the Beloved Community Team will be on **October 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.