

## **Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes December 15, 2022**

Present: Kathy Stewart, Sueann Goretti, and Lorina Goodjoint

Opening Prayer: Kathy Stewart

Check-in

Ideas for Beloved Community Team in 2023

- Having more in-person meetings and events
- Beloved Community Team hosting a dinner event at St. Matthew
  - Introducing Beloved Community Team, mission statement, and purpose
  - Highlighting upcoming Sacred Ground Curriculum
  - Requesting vestry members to be present at this event
  - Having an introduction for what is to come by generating discussion questions to spark powerful conversations at the tables
  - What is our overall intention for this dinner? What do we hope to accomplish?
  - Plans to host dinner in February 2023 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church
- Sacred Ground Curriculum
  - What is our intention? What is our outcome?
  - Should we consider a professional facilitator who is familiar with facilitating group discussions in a faith-based community
  - If we cannot get enough St. Matthew parishioners, consider inviting other Episcopal churches in our community such as Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd has also finished the Church Cracked Open book discussions in the church.
  - Inviting parishioners from Holy Family of Jesus Episcopal Church
  - Inviting Church Cracked Open participants to participate in the curriculum and the opportunity to join Beloved Community Team
    - Using our survey results from Church Cracked Open participants for ideas
  - As our Sacred Ground groups evolve, consider inviting an activist from another community to speak at St. Matthew or St. Matthew visiting another community to listen
  - Advertising
    - Advertise this event on the Diocese homepage
    - Help from Kathleen Monahan
  - Contacting Josh Hornbeck, Communications Director for the Diocese of Olympia, for IT help on creating a hybrid event
- Maintaining our focus
  - We must remember to keep Jesus at the center of everything
  - Flowing with the Holy Spirit to lead us on this journey; letting this work evolve overtime
  - Continue to revisit the mission statement of Beloved Community Team
  - Remember who we are as a Beloved Community Team ministry

- Kathy shared a draft letter announcement that, when finalized, will be sent to St. Matthew parishioners about the recently awarded Congregational Development Grant at St. Matthew and Beloved Community Team's next steps
- Action:
  - Solidify a date in February 2023 for the dinner at St. Matthew
  - Sueann will check in with Fr. Kendall to make sure there are not any date/time conflicts in February for dinner event
  - Sueann will talk to Kathleen Monahan about marketing/advertising help
  - Kathy will send a draft of the letter announcement to Andy Bartels and Sueann Goretti, and then send the final draft to Fr. Kendall for posting on the parish website, the Times, and announcement section in the Worship Guide
  - Kathy will reach out to Carla Robinson about a professional facilitator for Sacred Ground curriculum and the possibility of Josh at the Diocese help us with hybrid (using Zoom) session for our Sacred Ground discussion groups
  - Lorina will send out the Church Cracked Open participants email contact list and Church Cracked Open survey results to Kathy and Sueann

Closing Prayer: Kathy Stewart

The next meeting for the Beloved Community Team will be on **January 10, 2023** at **6:30 PM**. All are welcome to attend. Please email **Kathy** ([kbsdvs@comcast.net](mailto:kbsdvs@comcast.net)) so she can send you the Zoom link for the meeting.