

## What's Next?

Earlier this year, 15 members from Faith took the synod's zoom LiVE class "Interrogating Privilege," a weekly 90-minute class, for eight weeks. After the last class, we decided to meet together to reflect on what we had learned about ourselves and what the next steps might be—both individually and as a congregation. Several others in the congregation joined us.

That first meeting produced many, many ideas, and at the next meeting we chose four proposals that seemed doable over the next months. We have been able to accomplish many of these ideas and the others are in the planning stages. Our proposals were:

- 1) Have a land acknowledgment in the bulletin and as part of the welcome at worship. (Done)
- 2) Host a series of adult forums in the fall on Racism, Privilege and other topics. (Pastor Shannyn is planning the fall schedule now.)
- 3) A church-wide book read and discussion. (Many in the group read *Seattle from the Margins, Exclusion, Erasure, and the Making of a Pacific Coast City* by Megan Asaka and discussed it. Now we are reading individually and creating a book list to share, plus important resources from the community.)
- 4) Continue, renew, refresh, and update our efforts at being a congregation that is welcoming to all. (So far: Our bulletins are large print; we are checking our Assistive Hearing Devices; working on restroom signage that is more visible from afar; refresh the transept area for use by children (done); include in the bulletin upcoming events and activities (done); usher training (on hold until we have more ushers): Continue with multi-age persons involved as readers and worship assistants, and continue multi-cultural music and instruments in worship (was being done already.)

Going forward, we will develop our next goals and continue to read and share with each other. Uncovering the past is uncomfortable, and it is good to be able to discuss with others the new things we learn. We invite others to join us on the fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 on Faith's zoom, as we educate ourselves, give opportunities for others to do the same, and create an even more welcoming church.

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