

WE HAVE A DREAM: A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM

SEPTEMBER, 2020 - Why Are We Talking About Racism?

We began with prayer.

We led with the reason we were together, because we were racists living in a country with racist policies, inequality and suppression of opportunity. Never did we think we were racist until we realized if we weren't fighting racism, we supported the systems and structures in place that benefitted white people at the expense of people of color. As a people of faith, how could we create a more equitable society? Learning we could not jump to action without first listening and learning, we continued our journey.

We shared history about Papal actions and decrees that allowed explorers to claim land they allegedly discovered, promoting Christian domination. Following with white American Christianity and the church's role in slavery, we shared the discrimination in our churches, even against black priests and nuns.

Giving statistical survey information from White Too Long by Robert P. Jones, we shared that white Protestants, Catholics and Evangelicals are far more racist than the unchurched. That disturbing information stirred us to realize why our journey with this group was critical in becoming anti-racist, to help us live the gospel. We are the body of Christ. We are the Church.

We ended with prayer.