WE HAVE A DREAM: A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM

September, 2022 - How Can White People Work for Change?

We began with prayer.

Our group decided to continue our education through a variety of methods meeting monthly for discussion.

In May, 2022, we began discussing the topic of "white privilege" in detail so we continued this month where we had paused. We gave examples of privilege and discussed the white norm as the standard, leading to biases. We explored ways to begin a conversation with a person who believes racism ended and does not recognize the intentional, systemic dimensions of it. We discussed asking questions to understand and validating someone else's feelings (even while disagreeing with their opinion) to continue the conversation.

We discussed the need for white people to leave their comfort zones to work for change.

We shared Robin DiAngelo's (White Fragility) rules on how whites should handle feedback, shaped by defensive reactions to the feedback she gave in workshops, to avoid the reversal that they become the victims.

We reminded the group that South Baltimore Community Land Trust would join us Sunday at church

We ended with prayer.