

WE HAVE A DREAM: A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM

October, 2022 - How Did Baltimore Impact the Slave Trade?

We began with prayer.

We welcomed our guest speaker, Richard Messick, whose primary outlet is with Baltimore Heritage, a nonprofit historic and architectural preservation organization. He is also a docent at Evergreen Museum and Library, the Garrett family estate on North Charles Street. He shared with us his extensive research on Baltimore's involvement in the trade of enslaved black people. We learned where the private jails and pens were that held men, women and children before they were sold to provide labor for whites. Baltimore was an important conduit in the trade especially from the North to the South. He also shared a time lapse video of thousands of slave ships transporting those enslaved.

We asked those interested in discussing a particular book, documentary etc. to send the information to Jack Schmidt for inclusion in the bibliography.

We repeated South Baltimore Community Land Trust's invitation to a gathering on Friday 11/4, 4-6 pm, to celebrate the past year.

We mentioned that the Baltimore Game Changers event honored Dr. Meleny Thomas, Executive Director of South Baltimore Community Land Trust, and four other Game Changers for their accomplishments.

We discussed a Giving Day around Thanksgiving for our Racial Equity Fund.

We shared Showing Up for Racial Justice's stand on legislative issues.

We ended with prayer.