

WE HAVE A DREAM: A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM

NOVEMBER, 2023 - How Do the Blues and Christian Nationalism Relate?

We did not meet on our third Wednesday in October to encourage group members to join the Pax Christi *Confronting Racism* webinar.

We began with a short video commercial *Welcome at the Table*, one of the “Jesus Gets Us” commercials. Later we shared *Jesus Was a Refugee* commercial and discussed the need for these given our reality.

After some Blues history and Skipp’s BB King rendition of *Inflation Blues* we summarized the Alex Mikulich presentation on *Confronting Christian Nationalism* and discussed new ideas we heard and what it reiterated that we had studied. The history of our country is varied based on each person’s perspective and our country’s myths. Our bias training and so much of what we have learned gave us a new lens on how we look at structural inequities and race relations. We need to be better listeners and ask questions to see things from another’s point of view.

We discussed feedback on previously proposed actions for collaboration.

We shared what we saw when we attended South Baltimore Community Land Trust’s celebration and tour of their first two properties, plans for other properties and the outstanding work of the architect to ensure environmental quality for reduced home owner costs and safety from coal dust. We described the other properties and the CSX coal piles.

We reminded those who wished to donate to make checks or mandatory IRA withdrawal amounts payable to St. Vincent de Paul Church with “Racial Equity Fund” on the memo line or in the letter.

We closed with a prayer after a reminder that we would next meet on January 17, 2024.