Continuing the Conversation...

Building a Racially Just Parish

OLL parishioners began the conversation on building a Racially Just Parish during the August 28, 2021 “Beginning the Conversation – Building a Racially Just Parish” event. Participants met in small groups to generate ideas. You can view a narrative report of these comments HERE.

After the “Open Wide Our Hearts” sessions in February and March 2021, a survey of Our Lady of the Lake Parishioners was made. Parishioners were asked “How would you like OLL to live out an anti-racism commitment? Check possible actions that most spark your interest.” There were 97 responses to this survey.

One of the suggestions selected by 35.4% of the respondents was “Establish a follow-up group to Open Wide Our Hearts. Set a time, invite people, discuss where the group wants to go, and possibly bring in outside experienced speakers or resource persons. The group might communicate with the OLL community and the Archdiocese about the mandates of Open Wide Our Hearts and work with Joe Cotton, Director of Pastoral Care and Outreach at the Archdiocese of Seattle.”

The first monthly meeting to establish a group willing to continue work in this area was held Sept. 21st via Zoom and a report from the meeting can be read HERE.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on October 18th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Our plan is to hold these meetings on the third Monday of the month. If you are interested in participating, please register HERE. Please refer questions to Parishadmin@ollseattle.org