

All Saints Church
Kingdom Ambassadors
June 16, 2020

Sources of inspiration

- Scripture
 - *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.* John 13:34
 - *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:28
 - *The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.* 1 Samuel 16:7
 - *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* Ephesians 4:32
 - *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* Micah 6:8
 - *Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.* 1 John 2:9
- Baptismal Covenant
 - 'Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself'
 - 'Strive for justice and peace among all people'
 - 'Respect the dignity of every human being'
- All Saints Mission
 - Share Christ's love
 - Transform lives
 - Build God's Kingdom
- All Saints Strategic Plan
 - Priority #1: Strengthen our spiritual and Biblical foundation
 - Priority #2: Expand mission and outreach
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."*
- Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop: *"Love looks like all of us — people of every race and religion and national origin and political affiliation — standing up and saying 'Enough! We can do better than this. We can be better than this.' "*
- Mary Parker Follet: *"There are three ways of dealing with difference: domination, compromise, and integration. By domination only one side gets what it wants; by compromise neither side gets what it wants; by integration we find a way by which both sides may get what they wish."*
- Others?

Principles to guide our thinking

- Biblical, Missional, Relational
- Family
- Prayer *and* action
- Listen and learn
- Speak the Gospel truth
- Service, not just seminars
- Many 'on-ramps' to meet people where their hearts are, and allow them to get involved however the Spirit moves them

Potential ideas (some already in progress!)

- Day of prayer
- Prayer groups
- Workshops/forums, e.g.,
 - Little Lights Race Literacy 101
 - Sacred Ground (<https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>)
 - Be the Bridge (<https://bethebridge.com/get-started/>)
 - How to talk with children about these topics
 - History
 - [Brene Brown: Dare to Lead](#)
- Small group dinners/discussions
 - Discussions on racism and anti-racism
 - Discussions on healing political divides
 - Other topics?
 - Sharing of experiences
- Book groups (e.g., White Fragility, Stamped from the Beginning, How to be an Anti-Racist)
- Resources:
 - [Episcopal Church: Responding to Racist Violence](#)
 - [The Way of Love](#)
 - [Becoming Beloved Community](#)
 - [Beloved Community](#)
 - [Zinn Project](#)
 - [Equal Justice Initiative](#)
 - [Brene Brown: Unlocking Us](#)
 - [The Locust Effect by Gary Haugen](#)
 - [Brownicity](#)
- Movie/documentary viewings (e.g., The 13th, Just Mercy)
- Parish-wide 'Town Hall' meeting
- Vigil/gathering 'On the Circle'

- Mission & Outreach
 - Local: Blessing bags, Little Lights, Central Union Mission, Rockville Women's Shelter
 - Global: DR, Rwanda, Uganda, Congo, IJM?
 - Joint outreach with a 'sister' parish
- Kingdom 'bootcamp'/training on 'how to be a Kingdom Ambassador'
- 'Expanding your family of God' to deepen relationships (either with another ASC family or a family from a 'sister' parish)
- Others?