

MULTICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION TEAM MEETING - JANUARY 11, 2022
Ad hoc meeting: RE: MLK service this sunday 7-8 pm

Attendees:

Present: Kimberly Pratto Storr, Vivien Hao, Andrea Matson-deKay, Jewell Faamaligi, Melissa Tyrrell, Lee Ann Hart, Gary Hart, Steve Wilson.

Absent: Tara Unverzagt, Ben Cowan

Action:

Team: Each member will pick parts of "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" "I am an ally and this matters to me because". All will meet to rehearse and discuss parts Friday evening, January 14.

Jewell: Will contact Tara and Ben and Naresh to see if they want involvement in Sunday Service; Send out letter after highlighting several points that we can choose from.

Discussion:

1. Black National Anthem and Original Anthem will be side by side in this new paradigm. We should acknowledge and understand why this Anthem is now used.
2. Whitewashing MLK through a passive service is hurtful to POC. The goal of PUC is to be active. MLK was about speaking truth to power and taking action.
3. Jewell and Steve revamped the service. It was a hard and difficult conversation and they were both uncomfortable. But this is the work.
4. Jewell and Severin worked on music to play and discussed appropriation and the importance of acknowledging where the music comes from by saying it and the importance of writing the names of the actual performers each Sunday on the weekly pamphlet.
5. Structure of service: Jewell will give historical context of UU ministers/churches standing as allies during civil rights and how important allies are. Birmingham Letter segments will be read by each member. Each team member will focus on dedication and delivery. "I am an ally and this matters to ME" What does it have to do with me? We cannot be complacent as a group.
6. Jewell will contact Tara and Ben and Naresh to see if they want involvement.