QUESTION:
“How can we get as good at addressing the causes of injustice as we are at responding to the effects of injustice?”

DESCRIPTION OF WORK DONE & FINDINGS:
Our group had a lot of good conversation around developing opportunities to share our stories in our parishes as well as finding ways to invite conversation with people who are not in our parishes - more involvement with local organizations, making efforts to encourage that those conversations to be diverse and to make sure that we have opportunities to educate ourselves around power dynamics and systemic injustice and how we may be complacent in them.

It was also discerned that our group is keen to engage with the 2 (at least) existing Ministry Networks to do this work. We don’t need to reinvent the wheel, but we do need to create some level of organization that can house all of this.

People clearly care about what is happening in our world, AND it feels particularly difficult in our time and culture to have difficult conversations around polarizing topics. Our technology isn’t helping us build better relationships and we most focus on more face to face conversations.

EXPERIMENT:
Our experiment Is: Inviting the people in this room to join with the Season of Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation and/or the Social Justice and Advocacy Ministry Network so that we can engage in work that is existing, begin and continue conversations around the effects of power and systemic injustice on a larger scale and encourage people to share their stories and engage in active listening.

Next steps: locate the tables for the Season of Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation and for the Social Justice and Advocacy ministry networks and sign up to be involved. Murray Harrison has volunteered to provide Information Resources to aid us In education around social injustice, and this would be a living document that we could all add to.