

Task Force on Theology of Social Justice Advocacy
Zoom Meeting
October 9, 2020

Present:

Sarah, Prince, Lallie, Jose, Susanne, Brant, Dora, Ruth, Guy

Prince opened the meeting with prayer.

1. The survey is launched! – we will all circulate it within our networks.
2. Blue Book report draft outline from Susanne and Lallie
 - Deep thanks for their work
 - Discussion (much redacted, captured as best I could):

Importance of the “distorted lens” concept –patriarchy, white supremacy, classism – are we all on board with this Yes we are. Empire, colonialism also. What does that mean in terms of “extra-domestic” dioceses aka churches?

Narrative flow – the inclusion of the stories from Ruben, from Gay, what other stories? They bring power.

Important to include history of struggle for social justice and social justice theology within the church, especially the Black community’s witness and organization.

Need to convey the deep URGENCY of this conversation – (need for conversion?)

White supremacy is a fundamental distortion.

Section on Scripture can be expanded – what lenses we use to study and understand?

Kelly Brown Douglas’s comment to us in her key interview about how the church fosters theological understanding—revisit and ponder and think how to include.

We may get stories and insights from the survey to include

3. Tasks for October:
 - Lallie will work with Susanne next week to reconvert the outline to narrative form and post it as an editable document on the Extranet.
 - We should all read, learn, digest, and make comments, additions, and edits by November 6, which is post-election and also one week before our next meeting on November 13.

- Sarah and Guy will work on a history section to add.
- We should all be thinking about resolutions (in areas of governance, theology, liturgy, formation, ____). Again, how to convey the urgency.
- Continue to circulate the survey, which is in English, Spanish, and French.

Guy offered a closing prayer.

Notes taken by Sarah