Board Meeting Agenda

April 23-24, 2021

Friday 7:30 – 9:00 PM

• Evening of reflection - Listening Leads to Action

Music will be playing as we enter the gathering – See lyrics to this opening song below

Community Candle Lighting

Call to Meditation

Introductions

Opening Prelude

Reading 1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading 2 Acts 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that, if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.

On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

He said, "Who are you, sir?"
The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do."
The men who were traveling with him stood speechless,
for they heard the voice but could see no one.
Saul got up from the ground,
but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing;
so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus.
For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias."

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there praying, and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, that he may regain his sight."

But Ananias replied,
"Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man,
what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem.

And here he has authority from the chief priests to imprison all who call upon your name."

But the Lord said to him,
"Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine
to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and children of Israel,
and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house; laying his hands on him, he said, "Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight.

He got up and was baptized, and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.

He stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus, and he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Comments and questions below to take us into break out rooms:

How, like Saul, are we transformed?
How does deep listening lead us to act and behave?
What does deep listening look like for you?
How do you hear God?
Do I feel like God hears me?
How do we actively listen to each other well to respectfully respond?

Share what we heard from each other

Petitions

Our Father

Song of the Body of Christ / Canción del Cuerpo de Cristo

We come to share our story, we come to break the bread, we come to know our rising from the dead.

We come as your people, we come as your own, united with each other, love finds a home.

We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor; we are called to feed the hungry at our door.

Bread of life and cup of promise, in this meal we all are one. In our dying and our rising, may your kingdom come.

You will lead and we shall follow, you will be the breath of life; living water, we are thirsting for your light.

We will live and sing your praises, "Alleluia" is our song.
May we live in love and peace our whole life long.

Traducción Española: Canción del Cuerpo de Cristo

El estribillo:

Venimos a decir nuestra historia, y romper del pan de vida, venimos a saber de nuestro resucitar.

Venimos como sus personas, nosotros venimos como su propio, unió uno con el otro, el amor encuentra una casa.

Somos llamados a curar el roto, para ser esperanza para el pobre; somos llamados a alimentar el hambriento en nuestra puerta.

Pan de vida y copa de promesa, somos uno en esta comida. En nuestro morir y nuestra subida, pueda su reino viene.

Usted dirigirá y seguiremos, usted será el aliento de la vida; viviendo agua, nosotros thirsting para suluz.

Viviremos y cantaremos sus elogios, "Aleluya" es nuestra canción. Pueda vivimos en el amor y la paz nuestra vida entera mucho tiempo.

Hawai'ian:

No ke ano ahiahi ke aloha la I ka hali`ali`a `ana mai

English text: <u>David Haas</u> (1989) Spanish translation: Donna Peña

Tune: NO KE ANO' AHI AHI (Hawai'ian Folk Song)