Why does justice matter?

For those who are regular users of Facebook, you often find a suggested posting which recalls a memory from years ago. You have the option of sharing the memory and adding to it or ignoring it. Imagine our First Church Facebook page generating a memory from 2014. Hopefully you would find the start of our involvement in Justice Matters and share the memory with added enthusiasm.

The first House Meetings which informed the focus for Justice Matters were held in the Fall of 2014 and continued annually. First Church has been a member congregation since the inception of Justice Matters and has the largest network of members of the 18 member congregations. The mission of Justice Matters includes moving Lawrence toward a city of God where justice rolls down like a mighty river (Amos 5:24).

We invite you to join us as we follow the teachings in Micah 6:8 which says, “And what does the Lord require of you? But to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Join us as we listen to your stories and identify issues of injustice in our community through our Here to Hear listening process. Join us as we respond to the challenge given to us by the United Methodist Council of Bishops who stated: We ask every United Methodist to name the egregious sin of racism and join together to take a stand against the oppression and injustice that is killing persons of color. Join us via Zoom on one of the following dates:

- Sunday, September 13, 1:00 – 2:30
- Tuesday, September 15, 1:00 – 2:30
- Thursday, September 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Saturday, September 19, 10:00 – 11:30
- Sunday, September 20, 1:00 – 2:30
- Thursday, September 24, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

In the coming weeks, look for additional information and the Here to Hear meetings and the process for signing up. We hope you will join us in the call to do justice in Douglas County. Please join us as we unite with other members of faith communities to create the city God intended.