

St. Stephen's is one of several churches across the country participating in the Luke 10 Congregations: Equipping Churches to Do Justice training program for Christian churches. This 9-month program equips congregations to understand Christian Nationalism's relationship to poverty and racism, examine how these are manifesting in our own communities, engage in justice work alongside local partners, and reclaim the biblical, theological, and spiritual underpinnings of the gospel call for justice and abundant life for all people.

At this critical moment in history, when Christianity is being distorted and weaponized, churches can – and indeed must – play an important role in rebuilding community connections, meeting urgent needs, confronting and resisting attacks on the poor and marginalized, and casting a vision for the just and inclusive society we are called to build. The Luke 10 Congregations program is designed to support congregations in meeting this moment, while creating a supportive network of congregations who are all seeking to do this work in their respective communities.

Luke 10 Congregations Update: We are currently in the "Internal Community Listening" phase of our program. In the next few weeks, ALL are invited to engage in one-on-one listening sessions with a Luke 10 Team Member. There are two ways to make this happen: in the parish hall, you will find a Luke 10 bulletin board with sign up sheets. Also, be on the lookout for a text or email from one of our team members. We want to be sure that EVERYONE has a voice and is heard. Your energy, spirit, and opinions are important for this project to be a success for our church community.