

### ➔ Inquiry Questions for self-agitation/ education project

- What is the evidence that a shift in how we think about our world needs to happen?
- Why is our society structured in such a way that some people need to rely on meal programs and food banks to have enough to eat to survive?
- What are alternative ways society could be structured so that people would have enough to eat without relying on “charity”?
- What will it take to meet basic human needs, including eliminating institutional racism, by 2020?
- How is racism, both individual and institutional, a factor in people being able to care for themselves, their families and their communities?
- What do people fear about dismantling racism ?
- Explore the ideas of “charity” and “human services” and ask, “Why do we continue to penalize those living in poverty, and allow those living in poverty to be penalized?”
- How has the old Horatio Alger story of self-reliance, “up from your own bootstraps” influenced our thinking about the “deserving poor”?
- What would look different to us all if we think of a strong person or community as a dynamic one; identifying, and utilizing, community strengths and exploring the inter-dependence necessary to our collective success?
- What does a Healthy, Sustainable, Inter-dependent Community look like?
- What does a caring culture look and feel like?
- What is going on that supports a caring culture? That presents a barrier to developing a more caring culture?
- What are the perceptions that feed the continuation, and the perpetuation of domestic violence, homelessness and poverty?

- Many people work hard, some people make a lot of money for it, some make a living wage and some don't. Why? Who decides what work is valuable? How does that factor into oppression and unequal distribution of resources?
- Who is benefitting from the earth's resources?
- What can the rest of society learn from people who are perceived to be oppressed or marginalized?
- What could it look like if those who have access to resources and those who don't join forces for the common good?
- What services do we want to eliminate the need for and what services do we want to build into a sustainable community? What would need to be in place to eliminate the need for those services?
- What is help? Who decides?
- What would it take to make "success" the norm, rather than the exception, for populations that are now disproportionately affected by poverty/racism?
- Why do we have a health care debate where it is controversial that wealthy people pay a greater proportion into health care costs?
- What is the right way to fund the common good?
- How do we tap into the personal level of compassion that most people have and apply it to the common good?