WE HAVE A DREAM: A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM

NOVEMBER, 2024 - How Can We Explain a Rich Country With So Much Poverty?

We began with a prayer.

We congratulated South Baltimore Community Land Trust (SBCLT) for the ribbon cutting ceremony on Hazel Street in Curtis Bay for the affordable home in the land trust, and thanked those who attended.

Participants shared those items that most impacted them from Matthew Desmond's book, <u>Poverty By America</u>. They mentioned examples from the book that we never realized. We discussed people's perception of welfare with no consideration of the subsidies given the wealthy through the tax code and structural/systemic racism. We talked about ways corporations and the wealthy foster economic inequity and what we could do.

We discussed the disconnect between Catholic Social Teaching and voters' choices in the recent election and how we can help bridge the divide in this country.

We closed with a prayer.