**Holy Huddle - Acting for Justice**

* Person #1:*“We’re talking about some tough situations that we’ve heard about at churches.”*
* Person #2*: “Remember when Crossroads UMC was getting in trouble with the neighborhood because they were feeding the homeless? It was all over the news and they kept feeding the homeless anyway. That took guts.”*
* Person #3 [in disbelief]:*“In a tough climate like that, I wonder how they managed to keep the ministry funded, who would volunteer if you have to get past angry picketers?”*
* Person #1:*“The same type of thing is going on right now in Tucson. I heard some of our churches are working with ICE to help refugees that obtained asylum. I’m sure there’s angry people ready to complain and picket those churches. Imagine the impact if resources and volunteers weren’t an obstacle in any of our churches.”*
* Person #3: *“That’s sounds so biblical. [sarcastically says] The reality is that it takes resources! Money, time, manpower. Besides, everybody knows that The United Methodist Church already acts for justice.”*
* Person #2: *“With God all things are possible and we are a connectional church. You need to think beyond your walls. There is probably another church or an organization you can partner with. If you start by talking to your neighbors to name an injustice that they would like to see end, you could have a whole new group of passionate volunteers.”*
* Person #1: *“I bet even among the people here today, if they had a chance to name an injustice they are passionate about, there would be some common ground.”*
* Person #2:*“Now, lets take 10 minutes to think about and answer the following question.****If resources were not an obstacle, what injustice do you wish your church would act courageously to end?***
* Person #1: *You know I am a process person. Can we take another 10 minutes to also name*“***What are some steps your church can take to begin this process and courageously act for justice?***”
* Person #2: *[recites a prayer]*