The global COVID-19 outbreak has reached pandemic proportions, and much of the country is experiencing uncertainty, fear and insecurity like never before. At the same time, we have seen a tremendous outpouring of goodwill and support in our local and global communities. What causes communities to rally together in times of crisis? Why is it important that we discuss self-reflection, power and privilege NOW? And how do we avoid compassion fatigue after COVID-19?

For many of us this level of fear and uncertainty is unprecedented but will subside drastically as we all readjust to our new normal in the weeks and months ahead. However, instability and uncertainty are not foreign to most low income families and neighbors. Whether it is shelter, food or safety, many in our community are faced with an undetermined reality every day.

Join Brian Squire from the Lussier Community Education Center to explore how we can use this shared experience to build greater empathy and a commitment to challenging power structures and systems to create a more just and equitable society. Brian Squire has over 20 years’ experience working with children and families, much of that focused on supporting children experiencing homelessness, poverty and racism. Brian now serves as the Children’s Program Manager at the Lussier Community Education Center.

This 75 minute session is intended for anyone interested in exploring empathy and action through the lens of power and privilege.

**Reflection sessions to follow April 21 and 23**

Information will be emailed post-talk.