

Creation Care Ministry Meeting
August 10, 2020 via Zoom

Present: Rachel Baker, Todd Sink, Kylee Krida, Lisa Graumlich, Ruth Mulligan, Marjorie Ringness, Sue Ratner, Kathy Minsch, Roberta Kanive, Warren Wilder, Richard Wesley, Judy Andrews.

Prior to the meeting, a written report was provided by David Wagner, St. Mark's Facilities Manager, regarding **on-going facilities work** related to carbon reduction work at the Cathedral. Electrical and lighting improvements are being made on an on-going basis and more involved projects are being reviewed, with some bids received. Creation Care Ministry members are encouraged to read David's short report.

The meeting opened with a prayer at 6:30pm.

We have been invited by **Earth Ministry** to confer and collaborate with a couple other congregations who also have a goal of becoming carbon neutral. Marjorie asked for volunteers who might be interested in participating in this effort to share ideas and gain inspiration from other Earth Ministry congregations. Kathy Minsch expressed interest in finding out more about it. Norman LeMoine also expressed interest through an email prior to our meeting. Marjorie will follow up with them and with Earth Ministry.

We discussed the opportunity to view the **film "2040"** offered through Drawdown Seattle. Participation is limited to 100 people, and St. Mark's parishioners are not the only invitees. The hope is that those viewing will be interested leading others in taking further action steps. It was suggested that, rather than publicize this to the entire congregation, we should just send out a special invitation to the people that participated in our Project Drawdown forums in May.

Lisa Graumlich gave a brief report of her attendance at an **Earth Day Northwest 2020** convening in July. This was the first of a 2-part convening, with EDNW2020 changing their focus more towards equity. The Creation Care Ministry was also given Lisa's emailed summary of the July meeting, which included much more detail.

Small group reports:

Lisa reported that the *spiritual practices* group continues to meet with Cristi Chapman and Emily Meeks. The group is planning Cathedral Commons on September 16th, 23rd, and 30th with themes of gardening, getting outdoors, and reflective writing (since our meeting, the 9/30 Commons has been cancelled to make room for the fall Radix kick-off.)

We also discussed generally the idea of hosting film viewings, perhaps later this winter.

Todd reported that the *personal habits* group plans to write up a kind of white paper with suggestions of ways that parishioners can make changes to reduce their carbon footprint. They hope to have this distributed in September.

Roberta reported that the *carbon offset* group is in the process of researching 6-8 carbon offset funds. They have learned a lot about certification and other technicalities. They plan to choose 3-4 programs and report back by mid-September.

On behalf of the *measurement* group, Ruth asked for feedback about signing up and using the Episcopal Church carbon tracker at www.sustainislandhome.org. Experiences were generally positive, and there was agreement that we would move forward with using this carbon tracker. We would like to ask the Dean to encourage the Vestry and Staff to get signed up. And then we will do a bigger push to get the entire congregation on board.

We watched the 11-minute video “What Is Possible Now?” from “Awakening the Dreamer” <https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AB4b7gOq2uJFnKI&cid=A5B5C425D621416B&id=A5B5C425D621416B%211221&parId=A5B5C425D621416B%211220&o=OneUp>

The meeting closed with prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, at 6:30pm.

Notes submitted by Marjorie Ringness