

Creation Care Ministry Meeting
May 10, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Ruth Mulligan, Marjorie Ringness, Sue Ratner, Kathy Minsch, Edie Weller, Warren Wilder, Norman LeMoine, Judy Andrews, Peter McClung, Lisa Graumlich.

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

Edie reported on the *Sacred Ground* forum that was co-hosted with Faith Formation on April 21. There was good discussion about the success of this presentation, how well it was organized, the intimacy of the discussion, and the ease of the technology, and the desire for follow-up. Many thanks especially to Emily Meeks for pulling this together so well. The forum was recorded and is posted in a couple places on St. Mark's website, including the Creation Care Ministry page. Extensive notes from Emily about the event are added at the end of this document (pages 2 & 3.)

Ruth reported on plans for hosting a carbon tracker training. There was more good discussion, and notes from the Measurement Team work are also added at the end of this document (page 4.) The designer of www.sustainislandhome.org, Lisa Altieri, has agreed to do a carbon tracker training session with St. Mark's via Zoom in early June.

We noted several events coming up in May, including: 1.) Lummi Totem Pole journey on May 22, 2.) Feast of Pentecost Virtual Revival on May 23, 3.) Volunteering with Nurturing Roots on May 23, 4.) Discussion with Elizabeth Hawkins relating climate justice to her work in El Salvador on May 24, 5.) St. Mark's youth will be viewing the film *2040* on May 16, 6.) A Wisdom School offering with Belden Lane April 22-23, 2022, 6.) A visit from Jerusalem Greer of the Presiding Bishops Office and Good News Gardens May 4-8, 2022.

We watched a section of the Pachamama Alliance training: Will Grant's 7-minute video, 4 levels of action - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uXGPXsd8dNhGcGM26aEaNgQY77eWUIJU/view>

Lisa ended our meeting at 8:05pm with the New Zealand Anglican Lord's prayer found on this page <https://newzeal.salvationarmy.org.nz/church-community/women/resource/god-our-father-and-mother-free-printable-%C2%A0new-zealand-anglican-lords-prayer#:~:text=The%20New%20Zealand%20Anglican%20Lord's%20Prayer,-Eternal%20Spirit%2C%20Earth&text=Loving%20God%2C%20in%20whom%20is,done%20by%20all%20created%20beings!>

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

See additional 3 pages below for more notes about important ongoing Creation Care work.

Notes submitted by Marjorie Ringness

Sacred Ground Follow-Up

- 45 people attended/83 people registered
- Included panel discussion, 10 minute breakout (reduced from 15 for time with groups of 4), and Q&A
- About 12 people joined after chat
- Link to recording and resource guide now posted on [Creation Care webpage](#)

WINS

- **Intergenerational conversation.** The panelists were early to mid career while many SMC attendees were older. There seemed to be a hunger to hear these voices and to support their work.
- **Panelists had diverse backgrounds** and approaches to provide different perspectives on growing food.
- **Skilled and gifted moderator.** Lisa's kind, balanced and insightful approach made the panelists feel welcome and kept the conversation balanced.
- **Zoom hosting support.** Having Jennifer's background support for admitting guests, creating the panel view, managing the breakouts, recording, and triaging questions was incredibly helpful for an online experience.
- **Connecting relevant content** (prayers, resources, recipes) for attendees to use in their day-to-day.
- **Clergy support of the event.** Steve and Jennifer attending the event was noticed and appreciated. They provided key support with questions along the way in planning.
- **Many left with a renewed sense of commitment** toward action on food justice. There was energy around spirituality and food, heartfelt concern and care for others, approaching growing food with awe, wonder and appreciation, connecting food with vitality and resilience, sharing values, and the joy of sharing food with others.

MICRO TOPICS - to explore further in our Creation Care work based on observations, survey and feedback.

- **The heritage of food:** how food was grown, preserved, cherished or challenging in other generations.
- **Community gardens that build capacity for all in the community to feed themselves** healthy food and to build skills for life.
- Feeling connected with others **doing things together while connecting to the earth.**
- **How faith and community keep us going through hard times.** All of the panelists are doing hard manual work, creating start ups from sweat equity and community support. How may we stretch a little more as we pursue our highest purpose?
- **Cultivate intergenerational connections to food and earth.**

OPTIMIZATIONS

- Increase interaction with attendees. Potentially add a short, earlier breakout session or expand conversation with Q&A.
- Consider assigning a Creation Care member to each breakout group.
- Have panelists introduce themselves to get them talking earlier.
- For a reminder email prior to the event, add 2-3 questions that attendees could be thinking about or a short article, image or video to prime the topic.

ACTIONS

- **At Saint Mark's**
 - **Bees:** *Carolyn* to keep us updated on how/when groups can visit with Rob to see the bees and/or opportunities to educate on the "why" behind local honey.
 - **Loeffler Garden:** *Marjorie* to stay connected to Keiko to see what/if support is needed.
 - **Good News Gardens** - TEC
- Possible livestream event during Pentecost in May 2021 - Greg is on point.
- Jerusalem Greer Event - May 2022 - [Jerusalem](#) is the Presiding Bishop's Staff Officer for Evangelism.

- Wednesday through Friday, May 4-6, 2022, will be a Good News Garden Pilgrimage visiting a few sites around the diocese and likely Harbor Roots Farm as a destination.
- Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8, 2022, based at the Cathedral to include Cathedral Day Eucharist, food trucks, Diocesan Evangelism/Justice/Creation Care Workshop, Jerusalem preaching and a possible gathering at Food Bank Farm.
- **Beloved Community Grant** at Lowell Elementary for community garden. The proposal includes a garden at Lowell Elementary School, Solid Ground offering cooking classes for families with farm-to-table principles, a children's art exhibit at SMC, and a field trip to engage our urban garden and bee ministry, tended by our family in Sanctuary. The Habitat crew will build the garden beds at Lowell. ETA for knowing about the grant is summer 2021. Let's keep this in our prayers for this innovative intersectional opportunity to develop.
- *Kiss the Ground*:
 - *Carolyn* to talk to Rich Gilbert about best practices on screenings for possible advanced streaming of *Kiss the Ground* and community discussion.
 - *Edie* to connect with Sue Tait to inquire about donating our DVD copy after the screening.
- Community - general:
 - Opportunity to share recipes with meaning with each other (and their stories) not just searching the internet.
 - Summer picnics could make it easier for gathering safely and using fresh produce.
- **Partner with Our Panelists**: continue to cultivate relationships with each of the organizations as a community partner. We are going to try to stay in touch quarterly.
- Nurturing Roots: Save the date for Sunday, May 23 to volunteer from 12:30-3 p.m. The group size will be capped at 15. *Emily* to publish in S&B with RSVP information.
- The Common Acre: *Cayla* connecting with Steven Dorsch to see what opportunities may be available.
- Oxbow Farm: *Carolyn/Marjorie* to follow up on CSA program, what is available, and potentially have a testimonial from someone at Saint Mark's who has used an CSA.
- Chaplains on the Harbor: Highlight Harbor Roots' [CSA donation program](#). *Edie/Marjorie* to think about when a site visit could make sense. This could also be helpful for connection points to the 2022 Good News Garden Pilgrimage with Jerusalem Greer visiting Harbor Roots.
- **Repurposing Content**
 - Creation Care website
 - *Emily* to send PDFs of recipes to Greg Bloch to post with event resources. Also to consider: guest recipe from Marc using farm fresh ingredients?
 - *Emily* to create or find a list of tips on what's in season in Washington state to post to help with follow up questions in chat.
 - Sundays and Beyond
 - Creation Care Tips Section
 - *Emily* and *Marjorie* to pull from specific resources from the list for S&B content.
 - *Emily* and *Marjorie* links to recipes shared from Creation Care site once posted.
 - *Emily* and *Marjorie* to incorporate opportunities to support the farms as part of Creation Care weekly tips (ex: how to donate a CSA for someone in need).
 - *Emily* to connect with *Kathy* on the audience question that came up about local food choices and impact on the environment vs. buying organic.
 - Think about sharing resources in a different way with an inclusive POV that invites others to use them if they need them, especially for topics around food insecurity. Ex: "Here is a resource for you to use if you need it or can share with others." This could be a way to help our own parishioners who may be experiencing food insecurity and not assume it's just for "someone else."

Submitted by Emily Meeks

MEASUREMENT TEAM MEETING NOTES 5/6/21

Present: Judy Andrews, Sally Maxwell, Kathy Minsch, Ruth Mulligan, Carolyn White, Marjorie Ringness

We decided to accept the offer of Lisa Altieri, lead designer of the carbon tracker, to provide a training for Saint Mark's which we will record.

Things to discuss with Lisa in planning for the meeting:

- Suggest dates for the last week of May or the 1st week of June (the latter is preferable), Monday through Thursday, or Saturday afternoon.
- Please send us a resume and picture. Are there rules for recording the training?
- No longer than one hour.
- Consider how to make it interactive by having people join the website on a second device (cell phone, ipad, etc.) Just listening OK too.
- Use Intro Video on Diocal website.
- Cover one section at a time, pause for questions.
- How many sections can we cover in an hour--at least walkthrough Actions?
- Can we include at least entering one easy action or one they already do?
- Possibly ask a quiz question with guessed answers in Chat.
- Encourage people to set up account and ability to log in before the training.
- Provide a list of information that will be needed in setting up their Energy Profile.
- Avoid getting bogged down waiting for someone who is "technically challenged" –offer one-on-one later, OK to just listen for now.
- Offer a follow up training, focusing on Actions?

Ruth will contact Lisa. She is hoping to include a couple others in a Zoom conversation.

(Since the meeting, Lisa has responded affirmatively, but is suggesting email for planning. I will respond with a preferred date or dates by email, and send her the meeting notes which lists some things we want to ask her about. Since she gave me her phone number, I hope to be able to follow up by phone.)

Next steps:

- Settle on a date based on Lisa's response—Ruth and Marjorie, who has been in contact with Greg Bloch about calendar conflicts. Cancel earlier Doodle.
- Phone call (hopefully) with Lisa with our questions and thoughts--Ruth
- **Set another meeting (soon) to:**
 - Plan promotion
 - Design announcement with joining instructions, etc.
 - Complete distribution list of people who requested carbon tracker training in the survey
 - Who will host, MC, etc.?

Submitted by Ruth Mulligan