

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
Creation Care Ministry Meeting
August 17, 2021 via Zoom

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Duwamish Tribe.

Present: Ruth Mulligan, Marjorie Ringness, Sue Ratner, Judy Andrews, Lisa Graumlich, Carolyn White, Jim Pannell, Libby Carr, Heather Sutkus, Theresa Marinelli, Doug Thorpe.

The meeting opened at 6:30pm with the land acknowledgement and a prayer offered by Ruth (**copied below.) Theresa and Heather each told us a bit about themselves since it was their first meeting with us.

Heather reported briefly about the **hike** that is planned for September 12. So far, 6 people have registered, and the hike will include a brief liturgy related to Creation Care.

We considered possibly showing the film **2040** to the St. Mark's community again, and Libby gave us some information about her experiences in showing the film to other audiences. Heather also suggested that we might consider the film **I Am Greta**.

We also considered having Lisa do a forum about the recent report released by the Intragovernmental Panel on Climate Change (**IPCC**.) Lisa did a short sample of a talk that she could give. The group all thought it was very good and that we should move ahead with offering a longer presentation to the St. Mark's community.

We discussed the development of the **Creation Care newsletter**. Doug has met with Communications Director, Greg Bloch and a template has been produced. Ruth has worked on a distribution list. The content of the newsletters needs to be organized, hopefully by a few people from this Creation Care group. Heather suggested that writings about climate change from some of her friends could be considered for inclusion in the newsletter. This would bring a much needed youth voice. Theresa is willing to help with the newsletter.

Doug plans to meet with Seattle Time writer and author **Lynda Mapes** soon and will ask if she is interested in presenting some kind of forum at St. Mark's, related to her new book *Orca*.

There is also interest in developing a relationship with **Green Buildings Now**, working more with the **St. Mark's Greenbelt Group**, and working with the **Duwamish Tribe**. We will follow up over the next few weeks with all of the ideas brought up tonight for possible programming this fall.

We spent a few moments discussing how our meeting tonight touched on St. Mark's Mutual Ministry Goals of 1.) Creation Care, 2.) Restorative Justice and Systemic Change, and 3.)

Innovative and Intergenerational Community.

Marjorie noted that tonight's meeting marked the second anniversary of when the Creation Care Ministry at St. Mark's began meeting again - in August, 2019.

The meeting closed at 8:05 with a prayer offered by Ruth.

Notes respectfully submitted by Marjorie Ringness

Upcoming fall dates related to Creation Care:

- Sunday, **September 12** - Intergenerational hike
- Tuesday, **September 21** – September Creation Care Meeting (monthly meeting time recently changed to third Tuesdays of every month)
- IPCC Forum with Lisa Graumlich (since our meeting, we have determined possible dates for this as **September 29 or October 3.**)
- Saturday, **Oct 2** Blessing of the Animals Service
- Sunday, **Oct 3** – possible date for forum with Lynda Mapes

** Opening Prayer

Holy One. You of All Names and of No Name.

We come into this space and time with our minds and hearts and energies aligned with you and your desire for our precious planet of life.

Grant us the wisdom, the generosity of spirit, and the courage to gaze back at you through the vast revelations of yourself imprinted in the journey of your universe and in this tiny solar system which binds us to the single web of life brought forth in Earth. May we hold no vision smaller than this revelation as we place ourselves together to search for your Light in the midst of the darkness of these days. May we search for no wisdom or prosperity smaller than the unity, truth, beauty, and goodness in which the mystery of life has been granted to the single Earth Community. Amen.

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