

**St. Mark's Cathedral Creation Care Ministry monthly meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Cathedral House 210 and on 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 all the Coast Salish tribes.

Attending: In person: Kathy Minsch, Marjorie Ringness, Carolyn White, Ruth Mulligan, Dave Menz, Amelia Brandt, Andrew Himes. Guests included Alix Wilber, Jane Wilde, Kate Hudson, and Jim Henderson. On Zoom: Steve Moen, Richard Hartung, Libby Carr, Mark Crotty, Sallie Crotty, Gail Wheatley, Elizabeth Clark-Stern.

Kathy opened with the Land Acknowledgement, and Edie shared an opening prayer.

Elizabeth shared a reflection on how the Canaanites thrived during the century-long Mega-drought by moving to the coast, building ships, and creating global trade. Our spiritual heritage of innovation and positive action.

Kathy gave a brief overview of [Saint Mark's new 2024 Strategic Plan](#) and how care for creation can be found directly and indirectly throughout. Our March meeting will focus primarily on reviewing the plan in more depth to explore connections with our Creation Care Ministry. She encouraged all to review the plan and its six themes before the next meeting.

We were pleased to welcome Andrew Himes, who gave an inspiring and hopeful presentation on his work with the [Carbon Leadership Forum](#) at UW and the concept of embodied carbon. Embodied carbon includes all aspects of creating a building. This was a new concept 5-7 years ago but has experienced huge growth and is now being discussed and used across the country. For the concept to be useful, there must be data and tools, government policy, and collective action. Andrew emphasized the importance of acting, that "acting is the way we create hope." The recording of the zoom meeting includes many more details and will be posted on the [Creation Care Ministry webpage](#) soon, as well as a list of resources discussed.

Kathy offered a prayer to close the meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Minutes submitted by
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