St. Mark's Cathedral Creation Care Ministry monthly meeting Tuesday, January 16, 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.

About 10 people gathered in person and about 20 were in the zoom room. Guests included people from Trinity Episcopal and First United Methodist Church, as well as a few people from other Episcopal churches in the Diocese.

Kathy Minsch opened with the land acknowledgement and Ruth Mulligan shared an opening prayer.

Elizabeth Clark-Stern read an invocation for the New Year by Rachel Tabor Hamilton.

We were pleased to welcome back our friend, Rev. Lisa Graumlich, PhD. who gave a presentation on the recent United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28). Lisa spoke of three main points: 1.) Loss & Damage 2.) Emissions 3.) Geoengineering being fossil fuel's answer. And she offered many resources to help us consider "Where do we do go from here?" There was good discussion. The recording of the zoom meeting, as well as a <u>resource sheet</u> from Lisa can be found <u>here</u>.

Dean Steve Thomason offered a closing prayer.

The hybrid format of this meeting proved to be very successful. Several people enjoyed connecting in person (despite uncertain road conditions) and many more were able to join us on zoom. We plan to continue this format for future monthly meetings.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Minutes submitted by Marjorie Ringness & others present