



# SEASON OF CREATION



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## Preparing for BOLD CONVERSATIONS Zoom Discussion

Saturday, September 26

7pm EDT / 6pm CDT / 5pm MDT / 4pm PDT / 1pm Hawai'i

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### SPEND TIME WITH THE WEEK 3 PRAYER JOURNAL QUESTIONS

Earth concerns have permeated our congregation for over 20 years. Here are some past chapter statements:

- **1993** - to deepen our understanding of cosmologies which teach us the interrelatedness of all creation, and to let those understandings influence our way of being community and carrying out the mission
- **1997** - We reaffirm our need to be in right relationship with Earth.
- **2001** - COMMUNION WITH CREATION: RELATIONSHIP WITH EARTH Our belief that all of life and creation is sacred motivates our urgent concern for- Earth, our home. Its beauty and richness enliven our spirit. Survival of the life systems of Earth is threatened due to the destructive aspects of globalization and other human behaviors. We recognize that those who are economically poor are affected most immediately and intensely by this crisis. We acknowledge our own complicity. We will continue to join with others in working for systemic changes that will enable all to lie in right relationship with Earth.
- **2007** – Deepening communion with Earth. We acknowledge our own complicity and call ourselves to radical choices in order to be just with, not abusive of Earth's resources.
- **2013** - Communion Within the Earth Community WE BELIEVE that Creation is a sacred trust given to the whole Earth community. THEREFORE, WE COMMIT ourselves individually and collectively to ask in every deliberation, "How does this decision/action impact the Earth community?" We do this to raise our awareness and change our behaviors
- **2019** - Respond to the crisis of Earth and global warming, • Deepen awareness of our complicity and work toward dismantling interlocking systems of oppression...Implement *Laudato Si'*,

Throughout these years, so many actions have brought us to where we are today.

- Some provinces have invested in an environmental analysis of their properties and made such changes as switching to energy-saving lightbulbs and composting.
- Many sisters and ACOF have studied, reflected on, and made retreats around the New Cosmology.
- ACOF and sisters make constant efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Fair trade, local and organic food, and non-GMO products are the conscious choice of the majority of us.
- A few hybrid cars have replaced high-gasoline vehicles.
- Many sisters and ACOF are actively creating a carbon-reducing lifestyle.
- Organic gardens are popping up everywhere throughout the congregation.
- Waste reduction is a priority for many of us.
- We offset our carbon footprint for our 2019 Congregational Chapter.
- And so much more!

## WHAT MORE IS POSSIBLE?

Now that we better understand the social, economic, and health consequences of our present global consumption habits, are we ready to take a congregational stance around an Earth justice issue?

- Transportation
- Organics: food, clothing, cleaning products
- Energy
- Carbon footprint
- Plastic consumption
- Waste reduction
- Other

On Saturday, September 26 we will brainstorm specific actions we can take as individuals and as a congregation. [Be sure to register for the Zoom gathering.](#)