

**Province IV and V Creation Care Networks  
Monthly Meeting - January 8, 2024 – via Zoom**

16 Attendees. Jerry opened with a prayer.

Heather announced the Big Provincial Gathering for Province V in South Bend, IN, which will include several creation care workshops. More info at: <https://www.provincev.org/bpg24.html>. She reminded us to bookmark the creation care network webpage for all information pertaining to our gatherings: <https://www.provincev.org/creation.html>

Jery announced a couple of upcoming Deep Green Faith webinars. Details at: <https://deepgreenfaith.org/events>.

Jeanette announced that Heather is willing to reach out to Trevor Bechtel to host a presentation on the topic of “Marine Mammals in Black Feminism, Jewish, and Christian Ethics.” Several people indicated interest in having her set up an evening presentation for our group.

Attendees introduced themselves by sharing where they are from and how they are tied to creation care.

All should save the date for the 2024 Creation Care retreat Sep. 12-15. More info at: <https://www.provincev.org/creation2024event.html>.

General conversations about next steps.

- The new Season of Creation worship resources were discussed. We should make sure that all are aware of these resources in time for the 2024 Season of Creation.
- UTO and creation care grant opportunities should be advertised to all interested parties.
- Analyze and publicize any creation care resolutions that come out of General Convention. <https://www.provincev.org/creation.html>
- Youth event upcoming in Chicago: <https://www.provincev.org/yacm.html>
- <https://www.provincev.org/grants.html>
- Check out the Episcopal Church Periodicals Club: <https://churchperiodical.com/funds-grants/>. If you want to do a book study, for example, they will pay for the acquisition of books for the group. Deadline for grant applications for adult books is March 1. Children’s programming funding is available year-round.
- Love God, Love God’s World– go to the webpage and sign up for updates: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/love-god-love-gods-world-curriculum/>
- Remarks about our role in faith resilience given the possible outcome of the November election.
- Commonalities and overlaps between Beloved Community and Creation Care efforts.
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