

Creation Care Networks
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Okay, uh, I'll pick up on this. I guess I am.

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Welcome to the July uh Province 4 and 5 Creation Care Network Monthly, gathering.

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So we are just following up on General Convention.

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Um, which happened a week or so ago, and um.

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So we're all gonna to talk about that. So.

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Let's begin with prayer. The Lord be with you.

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Well God, from whom all good proceeds. You establish your covenant with all creation.

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Guidance and all your people, that we may walk upon the earth in righteousness and peace.

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And honor you in our kinship with all your creatures.

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Through our risen Lord Jesus Christ, you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God to the ages of ages.

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So welcome everyone. Let's do announcements, then, of which there are several, I think. Um.

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None of which I feel the need to.

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Be on point for so who wants to start heather? I guess maybe you're the kind of the announcement Queen.

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I have some of them, and then Jeanette can pick up what I don't get to uh Province 4 and 5 will be hosting a retreat in September.

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Here is a link to that um, also a reminder that if you ever get lost and confused um, you can always find information at the creation.

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Care. Page on the province. 5. Website.

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So, please uh, please mark that that also bounces over to the creation care event. Uh, if you're not.

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And you're hoping that you're coming. Uh, please either register soon or let me know that you're planning on registering.

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Um at some point. We're gonna have to count retreat rooms. Um, not a big deal. I don't want to freak anybody out with that. But I do, you know, just let me know if you're like, oh, yeah, I think I'm coming, and I can't register yet, or I'm thinking about it. And I need.

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To work out some schedule stuff. We're still a bit away. It is in September. Um, so that's coming along. Great uh! Several of you in this call are already registered. So it'd be great to see you there. Um! The other thing to remember is that there are Facebook pages uh. So please follow the Facebook pages for.

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Uh creation care, and I will get that information in soon. Um.

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There are things that show up there that don't happen. Um!

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In in the monthly newsletters that come up between Jerry and me.

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Um! There is one other retreat that I'll dump into the chat at some point.

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Proctor center uh, many of you know Jerusalem. Uh, she just sent me um details about an event that's gonna happen sort of right before our retreat. But I do wanna share that with you in case that is something specific. Uh, it's for a very specific group of people. Um, so I'll dump that into the into the chat, too.

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I think those are the big ones I had, and I know Jeanette had another couple that came through also.

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Glad you remembered that. Thank you. Um Heather. So there are a few of us in um in Michigan who have.

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Uh, who have started uh talking with Rachel Field about the path and being a part of the um, the training groups and finding um.

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To help train ah, train leaders in our community and get things started in a start. A green team at our at our churches. There is a meeting on Wednesday, the 24.th Let me go back here.

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We, Rachel, will be a part of, and that Rachel is holding is a Zoom Meeting that Rachel is having for path, and we will be talking about how the.

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How the trainings are going, what's going on? That's isn't it? Does she have a we have a pilot? There's a pilot.

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I think um Phoebe know more about.

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Let me just stop now, anyway. If you'd like to be part of this meeting, reach out and um, I can send you the link.

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To that, because I don't have that right now.

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Jeanette, between Jeanette, between Phoebe and me. We've dropped everything in the chat so people can just start clicking on.

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Be a part of that that'd be great. I know that Steve Molder and um, Jan Strait and I are going to be the people who are in contact. The contact people here in Michigan.

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So if there's anyone else that has um.

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Any interest, let us know. Thank you.

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Alright. Well, very good, and I also had dropped in the chat the province for.

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And the uh Facebook page, and so on, so forth. So.

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Then you gotta change that and become a subscriber to these problems for new stuff.

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Um. It comes out every month, and we kind of keep up with these kind of things.

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Uh, Phoebe Chutfield is here. You don't know. She uh works for the to what I colloquially say. 8, 15 um.

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For the presiding bishops.

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Staff, I guess. Are you presiding, Bishop.

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Yes, um. So she's.

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She's 1 of our key creation people, and um! She was at convention. Of course she was, and um, so was I, and so is heather. What I'm curious about now is.

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Who else on this call was at.

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Others, others and others. Okay. So there's.

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4 of us who are there.

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It sets our sets, our context for conversation. I guess.

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And so I think we're gonna hand it over to Phoebe, who will? Who will initiate our conversation.

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Uh! And what import? Some of that might have.

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So that I guess Phoebe lets you take.

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Yeah, thanks, Jerry. Um, wonderful to see so many of you who I worked with for many years. Maybe some new people as well. Um. It's great to be here, and it was great to be at general convention, and it does feel like it was sort of just concluded. So this is a fun invitation to really start the process of debriefing and understanding what past and what happened.

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And what comes next for our shared work on creation, care, and environmental justice.

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Um. This was actually my 1st time being in general convention, because in 2022 it was so paired back, so I felt really grateful to be around a lot of much more experienced. You know, senior deputies who'd been coming to general Convention for years and years. Um! And all of the resolutions that I shared, and that I'll talk through in a moment, I just wanna say, like really represented so much hard work by so many people.

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There were lots of grassroots, efforts to submit strong resolutions. Many of them came out of diocesan conventions or province level work. Um! There was a really hard working, environmental legislative committee, legislative Committee 15, which um processed all the resolutions and combined them and reformulated them. Um, and then there was 2 sort of caucuses of people who were thinking about the environment.

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There was a set of green bishops. Um! And there was a set of green deputies. Jerry has the green deputy on right now, and this is actually the 1st year that there was this well organized sort of labeled Green Deputies Caucus, and I'd be remiss to not mention Um Emily Hopkins, who's also the province. 8.

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Um creation care coordinator, who really uh put in a lot of effort to convene people and make that green deputies caucus happen um, my role as staff was not to be advocating for any of these policies, but really to be a resource to all of those different groups of people. Um, and it was a joy to work with them all. Um! And now, as staff, our role again is to receive these resolutions and start thinking about what comes next.

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With them. Um! Do you think it's worth to just like? Pull them up, Jerry, and talk through? I think.

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I'm I'd be happy to do an initial talk through, and then um questions. And then, if you want to talk Jerry more about like.

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Where you see the most impact for this province. That might be a good.

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Quarter of events.

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Yeah, or heather, and I both could feel free to interrupt. Um.

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And so on. Um. But yeah, I think maybe sharing a screen with that list might be the most visually helpful thing.

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Let's do it. So the list that I shared with you all via email was alphabetical by resolution. But I also have been oops.

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Um working off this list, which I've sort of reorganized for today to be by type.

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Um to make our conversation as clear as possible. Let me see if I can zoom in a little bit. Is this visible to you all can you see.

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Yeah, that seems good. Yeah.

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Great.

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Um. So the 1st category of resolutions that pass were about task forces. I know. Um, several people on this call have been on uh previous iterations of a church wide committee that works on creation care um for the last few uh general triennium. It's been called the Taskforce on creation, care and environmental racism. Um, there is an effort to try to turn that taskforce into a standing commission.

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Which would be kind of a more permanent interim body, but unfortunately none, no, no efforts to create standing resolutions past at this convention. So instead, we had a resolution on creating a task force and imagining a church grounded, and creation healing as Christian ministry, which was originally submitted by Jerry, and then kind of reworked to be something quite different. So thank you.

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Uh Jerry for submitting that, and then I know it got changed, and this will be a churchwide committee, with at least with 16 members, at least 8 people of color, and at least.

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For indigenous members, and that was the resolution that was passed. Um, and that.

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Committee will have all sorts of responsibilities to guide the Church on creation and to help allocate um small grants for ecosystem projects. I know there are creation care, grant recipients on this call. Um! But a second dairy taskforce was created as well, and this was, I think, a really impactful um moment where um in the House of Bishops to indigenous bishops, Mike Scott.

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And Carol Gallagher both got up to say that they really wanted to make sure that there was a task force specifically with indigenous Episcopalians guiding the Church on creation, and so that resolution was passed as well. And this is going to be the 1st time we have this kind of a indigenous task. Force on creation, care.

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Um. And the way it's gonna work is that 4 of those members on the indigenous task force will also be the 4 indigenous people on the broader creation, care, task force sort of an experiment to create. Um, their communication between those 2.

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Groups. Um! And to ensure that indigenous voices are heard. Um! And to me, you know, it's it's uh exciting to really think about the work of confronting the document of discovery being and really well integrated into our work, increasing here. Um, the way that the task force and interim bodies process typically works is that sometime this fall there will be a call for people to apply to be a part of an interim box.

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And I just wanted to make sure that you all know that this is not only open to people who were deputies, but anyone can put their name in to say that they're interested in being a part of an interim body. And so, if you feel interested or know people who might be a really

strong member. Um of one of these task forces. Please encourage them to put their names in.

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Um anything else on this piece, Jerry or Heather.

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Yeah. Well, I didn't catch that. The uh.

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The overlap cause just just to get flavor here a little bit. Um.

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Right. There's resistance to both task forces and our buddies, our our interim bodies of of any kind.

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Expressly said, actually, by the incoming presiding bishop elect um, who resists.

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To a non interim body, which is a permanent um.

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Commission. The permanent Commission failed.

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The brilliance of the guys.

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Actually, I need to clarify that the permanent commission was referred to an interim body.

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Oh, what a delay! Hi! Maria!

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Hi! Marion.

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You know I was about to say your name. I was just. It was just right there, I said. The brilliant work of Nerri on commission.

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No, that's wonderful!

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Sorry I didn't mean to disrupt the proceedings, but I just wanted to add clarity.

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I don't know if you were here when I when I started with the wonderful work of the Legislative Committee, and Maria was one of the Legislative Committee chairs along with Bishop Baskom.

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Um, Maria, do you wanna walk us through the restrictions that fast.

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Um? Well, that's a really.

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Uh, no, I did not prepare for that, but I I can say about what you it was already said. Um! It was.

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When we began the legislative process, the Legislative Committee on Care of Creation believe that we were going to be asked to make a recommendation regarding whether there would be a standing commission for care of creation.

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But then that question was referred to a different legislative committee. The Legislative Committee on Structure and Governance.

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And they determined that it was like too big of a deal and too complicated for them to resolve. During the month before General Convention.

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So they decided that they themselves would refer it to an interim body, which I believe would be executive council.

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As to whether we will have a standing commission for care creation. When that happened. Um! Russ Randall, who was the vice chair of the House of Deputies, Care Creation Committee.

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Had the brilliant idea.

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To create a resolution that could be utilized.

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No matter what that other legislative committee did.

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So if that other legislative committee said No to a standing commission, it would be used for task force.

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If that standing. If that other legislative body said yes to a standing commission, it could be used to tell that standing commission. What to do. That's what Ao 9 turned into. And that's why it's a little.

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Thank you, Neria. So.

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Wonky um. But what it means is that now, as we live in this limbo with this cloudy outlook, we do know that there will be somebody in this time between general convention tasks with creation care. Okay, I I'm not prepared. But I wanted to make that clear, and I turn it back over to people that actually prepared for this meeting.

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Or is it possible there might be a task force and a standing body.

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I would say it's unlikely, but it's up to the President of the House of Deputies and the presiding Bishop.

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They have the responsibility of going through all of these convent. All these resolutions with Staff and Phoebe being one of those staff.

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And trying to make things make sense.

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Because when you have a bicameral legislative body, 200 people in one house, 800 people in the other house.

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Just kind of passing things back and forth to each other and saying yes to them, then you need a pass. After that process you need rational humans to say, what did we just do.

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And that's kind of the time that we're in.

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Functioning body for creation care. And so I think that's the outcome, maybe for everybody to know.

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And that didn't have to happen that easily could not have happened.

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Um, no, that's an excellent note. There will be some uh, some sort of task force or potential commission.

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Um, and I I do hope that those in this call and people in your networks consider um putting your name forward for that.

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Um, Maria feel free to jump in at any point. Um, I just got a couple of questions in the chat about the budget process.

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Um. Many of you may have been following that. There's been a lot of efforts to sort of add commentary to the budget and the stuff that we're at now is that um? Everything that is marked in green is a budget request. Um. But there is a process this fall that in involves leadership in the House of Deputies.

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Um and the new presenting Bishop and the Budget Committee. Um, on determining which of these budget requests are actually heard. Some of you may have heard that there's typically about 2 million dollars um to be allocated to these requests.

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And sometimes upwards of 9 or 10 million dollars, and the total request for creation care.

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That sort of is the sum of all of these notes in green. Here is \$550,000 um for the triennium, and so uh, it won't be determined until September. Um, whether these are actually funded. But I wanted to mark which ones are requests. Um.

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Jerry and I were talking about how these networking and net 0 resolutions have a lot of potential for involvement from provinces 4 and 5.

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Um, so one of one that passed his resolution a 0 to one to create a care of creation loan program modeled after an existing Economic Justice Loan program that already exists. Um, the \$30,000 a year is for a piece of operating that fund um, and the 3 million dollars would be part of this loan portfolio.

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And the hope would be that this really fills a gap in providing um low interest loans for diocese and congregations that are working on carbon net 0.

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Um, I'm just gonna run through these and we can chat more. The next is uh b 0 2 ecoregion networks. Um, some of you may have been hearing from our um friends in Kansas and across.

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The Midwest um, who are forming an Episcopal Grasslands network um, and there was a real investment in um more regional networking um as well as a piece of the resolution that invites networking around renewable energy and agrarian and food justice and good

news gardens, so that those pieces weren't um allocated the funding with \$30,000 a year was.

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To creating these new creation networks.

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Um. The next resolution, d. 0 5 0 was uh to allocate more funding towards meeting our carbon neutrality commitments.

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And \$225,000 for staff. This would be an additional churchwide person at an associate level supporting uh the creation care efforts across the church. Um! And then, while this resolution was up, there was a really powerful set of testimony from bishops in Province 9 um places like Columbia, Ecuador. Um, all of those non us province.

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Who stood up and talked about how much climate change is impacting those places and asked for specific funding to help province 9 dioceses work on creation, care and net 0. And so there was a request for \$30,000 a year for that province. 9 work.

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Um, and then a 0 9 8 um! Some of you may have heard about the fossil fuel non proliferation treaty. Just an effort to pass that um as a part of the United Nations climate change process. And this resolution that um, I know members of this call worked on um is inviting all Episcopal Church dioceses to review their use of fossil fuels and create plans.

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To reduce fossil fuels and report that back to the churchwide office.

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Heather. Jerry, anything on on these.

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Uh I was gonna.

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I was just good.

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I was just. Steve asked his.

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Oh, Nope! That was! I was at.

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Uh have Chuck asked, have Ecoregions been defined? Uh? I was talking with Bishop Kathleen Bascom from Kansas at the Province, 7 event and um.

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Part of the Grasslands group. Um, apparently she's been talking to Bishop Bonnie, Perry, Michigan, and some other people.

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Um about how it might work to do something with water in Province 5. Uh. My understanding is that the Ecoregions could be defined by the people who are putting it together to say, Hey, here's our Ec region. So that's what I think right now. Uh, and just a heads up. I know we're going really fast, like Phoebe's like going through them.

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I did turn on transcript. So I'll include that in the notes that I put up on the Province 5 web page with the recording um, and you can also watch the recording. Maybe it's lower speeds and also a reminder right? Like.

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There. There are lots of things, lots of pieces, and we'll keep coming back.

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The most important pieces for this network. So if there's something that catches your interest great, if you're just like what fire hose I don't know.

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Hang on to it. We'll we'll get there when it comes around, especially if it gets funding cause if it doesn't get funding.

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Then we don't know.

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Uh, Jill, do you wanna go? And then we'll go back to.

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I just wanted to say if you could just pause for a second and say the number like a 0 9 8 when you start talking about that paragraph, so I know where to look to kind of correspond. I've got your whole thing open on another screen, which is more readable for me.

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I love that the 2 screens I'd be happy to, and just echoing what Heather said. Um.

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A lot of this is at a very early stage, where it's not necessarily actionable all over yet, but it's exciting to be able to talk to you all about what is.

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Coming soon. Um and Heather said, yes, especially if it is funded.

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Any other questions on these 4 before we move.

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I think will impact.

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Our work.

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The most, along with whatever body exists.

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At Hq. I guess those 2 for me are the biggest things that impact what we do.

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So I dropped in the chat uh.

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Just just to resolve from B, 0 2.

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About things that kind of strike me as.

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You know, crossing our path here and and welcoming every existing provincial good news Garden, you know, Episcopal. So they mentioned that it's cognizant of us.

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Which is something, I think, that happened in.

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Committee 15. And when this was getting.

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Built. In the 1st place.

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That that notice the that these networks share the following marks online and in person gatherings, hey.

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That's you know.

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So what I will be curious about is.

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How much.

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Overlap in cooperation we can.

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We will see happen.

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Over time.

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Um with these, and then the last one that I put in chat here strikes.

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I do not know.

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Phoebe, or an area either one.

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If you guys know of a.

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Already past.

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Resolution that calls on.

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Diocese to establish creation, care, commissions.

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Has that been resolved before.

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Cause, if it hasn't.

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You know, as soon as you, as soon as you put that in the chat? That was the question I was holding, too, is, have.

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Has there been a specific call to create diocesan committees before.

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Alright!

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And you were saying, if this hasn't.

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And here it is.

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You. You look surprised at that.

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Oh, I'm just going over to the archives.

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I feel like we have done something like that.

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But I think it's been more like we encourage.

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Things.

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Hmm.

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Um.

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In 8, 0, 8, 7, and 22. We encouraged.

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Dioceses to pursue their own goal of net carbon neutrality by 2,030.

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Um so. But that's different from saying that you have to do it by.

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That I just put the link to a 8, 7 of 2022 in the chat.

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Um, that's different than saying, create a diocesan creation, care commission.

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Yeah.

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And to call it a commission.

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It's not insignificant, either. I'm guessing.

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It's so fun how general Convention passed that every diocese should have a standing commission for creation without passing, that it also wanted to have one.

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Hmm.

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And here we are. Yeah.

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That's good.

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Um.

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I think we'll we'll maybe come back to to those networking ones. But I I wanna give sort of recognition of a few more. Um.

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2 resolutions related to liturgy, past.

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Um. One was resolution d. 0 4, 1, to support the adoption of an ecumenical feast day of creation and our liturgical calendar, and to encourage celebration of the season of creation. Um.

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The 1st question that you may have is, when is the fee going to be? And what's it going to look like? But this resolution is actually a little bit earlier on in the process of the creation of that fee. Stay, um! It's an ecumenical effort. So Christian denominations are hoping to come together to create that. So the resolution states that we support that and want to participate in calls on the Standing Commission.

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On liturgy and music to get involved in that process. But the actual date and some of those other details are to be determined in broader ecumenical collaboration. Um, but it does in encourage the celebration of the season of creation which Episcopalians have participated

in for many years. Now, between September 1st and October 4, th um and Jerry, we were gonna mention just some of the season of creation.

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Um organizing that's going on at some point. I'll put.

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But that link in the chat, too.

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Um, but that's an exciting ecumenical piece. Um, with Myers and others worked hard on that resolution.

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Um. And then the second one was that there was an effort to pass um a resolution adding creation, care, language to the baptismal covenant.

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Um that actually got sent back to the Standing commission on liturgy and music web rather than passing now. But it does encourage congregations that wish to add creation, language, that baptismal covenant.

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To request the permission to do so. So it sort of um.

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Walked a bit of a middle middle path on that piece.

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Yeah.

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I think a um.

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An important.

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Thing to ponder. Um.

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When it comes to season of creation versus we call it versus. I'm calling it versus here, just for a second.

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Hmm.

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Effie.

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Um so.

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Just what I heard from Margaret Jonas is.

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You know we we have been used to talking about.

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Season of creation. Here in this community, awesome.

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Uh, which is that you know that September one.

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St. Francis, fees, and so on, and so forth.

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Um.

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That's a whole liturgical season.

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Which creates.

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A whole set of questions and issues.

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A feast day.

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Is it more, I think. And I'm guessing here. So you guys who actually know something can speak good. But um! A feast day is more a.

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Ecumenical and worldwide effort.

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That's not the same as.

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The season of creation.

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Um.

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And so the feast day, it was decided, I think, is the better way forward.

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Um, I think, just because it is.

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More applicable.

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Ecumenically.

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So that.

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Half baked, understanding any.

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Comment about that.

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And check.

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Chuck. Berry also said that some people said, instead of a season, aren't we.

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Celebrating in all year so.

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Different different perspectives, on that.

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Right. And the other interesting comment on that is.

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That if you look for corresponding liturgical celebrations.

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That celebrate the Nicene Creed.

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The only part of the creed that has not.

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Gained a place.

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In the liturgical calendar was the very 1st line.

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Um about God, the Creator.

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And so there. That was part of the ecumenical argument for.

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A feast of creation as a actual missing piece.

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Worthy of correction.

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Um. So, anyway. So that's also something to kind of ponder.

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Um.

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But they're not mutually exclusive. Right?

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What is the day exclusive? From what?

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A feast day and a season of creation.

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Oh, no, not at all. No, uh, no, it was just a different reach, I think, or different tool. Maybe there's ways to.

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Um.

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In in Kentucky. I I'm pretty sure that a feast day would be an easier sell to the bishops than a season.

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Um.

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And so on. So, so even practically it might. It might be a value. So anyway, for us, it's just good to.

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Think, through.

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What all these good hearts are trying to are trying to establish, and.

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And pull off with each other of importance.

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Murray, do you wanna say um.

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The litter um sort of the more about the liturgy page.

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Uh. The Episcopal Church is amazing in its uh diversity of URLs.

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And um it is.

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With some chagrin that I share the URL to Episcopal Common prayer.org.

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Um in our church. You know the General Convention authorizes uh liturgy that can be used throughout the Church.

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And the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music um, has developed this website, Episcopal Commonford org to share the liturgies that have kind of.

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Pass through uh the churches processes I know in my diocese, and I'm sure in others. Um! There are a set of.

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Trial use or experimental use liturgies for creation, the season creation that have been authorized by our bishops. Um, so I just.

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So you know that the church also provides a place where you can see what the church as a whole has decided. Um, and the Church as a whole has not been asked to consider those trial. Use liturgies yet. Um! That are locally authorized.

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That's helpful context.

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Which also probably is a good.

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Context to talk about path, no, not path.

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Talk about season creation from.

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Dial, western mat.

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Uh, would that be right? This be the.

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The place to make that distinction.

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In a way.

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Let.

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So that the.

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That is a Western Massachusetts.

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You know, has been working for years.

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Uh.

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You know, very responsible, and one could even say conservative liturgy.

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Um Celebration Season Creation for Use in Churches.

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It has to be approved by each, and any bishop.

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Operating per diocese.

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Um, I and I don't know what the current number is now.

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Is 30 plus 40, something.

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Diocese.

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That have approved.

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Issues this year. I mean, I think that's how it kind of goes.

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Right.

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It's almost like a test. 1st versus a standing commission to. It's good as long as it's been authorized to be good, and then it disappears. Um, anyway. So.

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There is.

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A an existing very thoroughly.

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Detailed, written 70 plus pages.

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Of seasonal creation, liturgy.

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That has now been approved by.

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Many bishops, not all.

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Not season, not Kentucky.

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Um, but.

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Ah! Just to say to you.

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If you are in a parish or in a diocese that is interested.

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Now is the time to be planning.

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And that that.

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Resource exists.

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You may or may not be. You may or may not be aware that you are in a dioces where it has been proven.

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Um.

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And so you could look into that and see where you guys stand.

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As far as this coming September goes.

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And so on.

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Um, and I put in the chat the list of dice that have approved that season of creation liturgical guide. So far, I think there have been at least 42, and that um, the Reverend John Lean is accepting more bishops signing on until September first.st

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So it's a good window of time now.

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But just to be clear for folks. This is not what was approved in convention.

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If feasted, was always improving convention.

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Um.

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So.

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Do not be, yeah, do not be.

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Thrown off by that.

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Phoebe, do you happen to know whether the season of creation resources have been provided to convention committee for review.

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Provided to the Standing Committee on.

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Litigation.

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Liturgy, music.

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Um. There was some communication in the last right, or I guess, in the last biennium. But it was not something that that standing reviewed. Um! My sense is that that's a hope that Margaret and John have for this triennium to share that with that standing commission. Um.

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But I haven't heard. If that has happened yet. Have you.

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No, yeah. I was curious.

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Um. I think that, especially since the Standing Commission is being kind of like.

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Directly invited by this resolution to participate in those conversations that.

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That, making sure that that connection happens that could be really strong.

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But yeah, I think everything that you just said Jay, to clarify that that.

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Season of creation. Liturgical Guide was really a grass roots. Episcopal effort. Um.

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Uh, but an effort that many bishops have supported.

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The next set of resolutions. I just sort of gave the title support for Environmental justice efforts.

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Um. These 4 resolutions came from different dioceses. They represent a lot of remarkable episcopal work on Eco. Justice.

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Um. But I also just wanna say that the Environmental Legislative Committee under leadership really added to each of these resolutions a lot of really strong local suggestions that your congregation could actually do to be doing your small part in this big effort. So um.

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These are all like very long kind of rich resolutions to go through for local ways of participating um in the Anglican Communion Forest initiative. That's.

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A 0 84, just all about conserving ecosystems, planting and trees.

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And other efforts to protect biodiversity. Um.

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And we're reminded that forests are an important piece of that. But graphs and mangroves and kind of all sorts of other ecosystems are also a piece of that.

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The second is a 167 Episcopal Church. Recognizing the injustice uh to indigenous peoples with regard to the need for clean water um, and calling on the office of government relations specifically to continue their advocacy for indigenous and native people's rights, involving water resources.

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Um. That resolution is.

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Is um sort of a similar theme, but of a sort of different outcome to the one following it. D. 0, 8. The protection of water is life. Um! Some of you may know the Reverend Latham and some of the other amazing leaders in the diocese of Hawaii who've been dealing with the real crisis of water there and um past this resolution to a firm not just in.

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Their specific contacts, but in other situations in which indigenous and native people's rights to um safety and restoration of their water um, and inviting us to all be thinking and acting more on that.

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Um. And then the final one sort of in this set is um.

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Biodiversity. Um, some of you may have heard of the 30 by 30 initiative for biodiversity, and this is d. 0 to 9. Um, that initiative is a goal of uh conserving 30 of land and water by 2030.

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Um. And this resolution, especially the Environmental Legislative Committee, has lots of localized ideas of what an individual congregation or diocese or other episcopal institution can be doing on biodiversity.

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What thoughts or questions on on these few. Opening my chat.

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All the all the questions are still about the season. I think.

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Um, I think these are exciting. Many continue work that was already happening, but a firm um our sort of churchwide commitment to it. None of these had a specific budgetary request. Um, that's maybe helpful to know as well.

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Um, and then the last 2. I'll just speak about our 2 resolutions related to ethical investing.

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The 1st being a 0 2 8, reaffirming the Episcopal Church's commitment to considerable concerns in investing um, including under this specific framework of esg, environmental, social and governance investing um. And this resolution was drafted in my understanding, at least in part because there have been efforts by governments.

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To actually.

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Outlaw um ethical criteria esg investing. And this is stating that the Episcopal Church does think that ethical screens in where our church endowments are invested. Um, we do believe in um, and then a 0 to 9 um.

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Continuing the push towards fossil fuel investment. So calling on all remaining investments and come in fossil fuel industry. Companies in the Dfms portfolio be sold by the end of this year, and then encouraging again, sort of.

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Mandating Dfms. Portfolio actions, but then encouraging.

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Um all institutional investors across the Episcopal Church.

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Um adopt the same target for divestment of fossil fuel company investments.

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And reinvestment in clean energy.

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Phew!

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How big of a deal is that final divestment.

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In fossil fuels by December thing.

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I would defer to my sort of.

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Finance colleagues to sort of really speak to that. I don't know.

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Um the scale of the remaining investments. Um, I do know that. Um, that refers to the Df Ms portfolio, which is separate from Church Pension Group.

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And I know.

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Oh, it ain't touching the Pension group, is it?

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Cpg. Has has much more significant holdings.

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Yeah.

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Um, yeah. A lot of you were, you know, trying to go down this road a little bit in different ways.

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I saw a lot of nodding of heads or shaking of heads in agreement with that. Yet.

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I know. The Presbyterians came close to this, and then.

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Stopped.

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You know their meeting in Salt Lake City, and they just probably finish their convention and did not succeed.

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In that resolution.

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Our residents been.

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And so I'm wondering how significant it is for us to say so.

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Our resolution on fossil fuel investment directly referenced the fact that the Church of England Pension Board.

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Is divesting from fossil fuels, and that's their more significant big pension. Um, I know, Lao, you were involved in in noting and writing about that. So thank you.

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You. You're talking to me. Um, no, I I kinda have let it uh.

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Do you wanna say anything more on that.

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Language for a little bit. I have in mind some other people. I'm still I I still think that they need to offer the.

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That is an option, but I know that it is fruitless to talk to, to have general convention.

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Legislate what the Church Pension Group is going to do.

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They've made that quite clear that they they can't be. It can't be legislated for them. And so that's why I think I I picked that up just from talking to like Margaret and um.

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Uh! Who's who's the green? Faith, Guy.

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Fletcher.

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Anyway, they they yeah, they've talked, they've tried. They worked it for years.

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And Pension group won't budge. So I'm trying an end run. But but yeah, kind of let that lapse to let general convention happen.

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So maybe back at it. Huh?

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Yeah.

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Fun. And back in February you compiled some great history on fossil investments. So I just put your blog post in the chat.

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Oh, okay. Okay.

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And important for important for this group. Maybe the general important thing is when you're talking about the Episcopal Church divesting their.

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The.

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Uh it.

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Retirement fund, the the Pension Fund.

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And kind of the rest of things.

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Are 2 separate animals in 2 separate places.

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And so General Convention has no say over what the Pension Fund does, I think, is a very general conclusion, right? So anyway, just to help everyone. There's a lot of big money in the. Of course. The.

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Pension Fund.

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But it is.

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Independent of our legislation as a body is that.

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An accurate statement.

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So don't. Yeah, don't go out being Miss.

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Misjudging how things should be working.

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When there's such a distinction as that.

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So anyway.

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That's good for us to.

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Understand.

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We talked about this stuff.

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Right as near you, said church pension is separately incorporated.

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We can legislate till the cows come home.

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Not gonna.

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So what la's doing? I guess we'll finish this conversation. Then we just, I guess, need, Phoebe. If you're done, need to kind of open it up.

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Um! Hello! It's been trying to influence.

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The Pension Fund through clergy.

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Desire.

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For the application of ethical criteria to their pensions.

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Um, and that can't be legislated. It can, however, be.

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Community organized um, or something like that. So anyway, just to know these, these.

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Channels out of which this kind of work is happening.

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Um.

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General Convention elects the board. Well, that's interesting. So.

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There is an avenue of influence. If.

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We were well enough organized, I guess.

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It begs a question about our priorities.

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Meaning. Those of us who are living on the pension, such as I.

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Um. You know.

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Do I want them?

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Having great and wonderful returns above all else.

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Or.

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Some other.

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Set of criteria.

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There. There is another distinction that I still have to work out and understand. But the um.

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Pension fund that clergy have.

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My understanding is, it may not be that you actually have any control of it, because it is contributed by the churches.

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It is not where you contributed it.

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The churches contributed it.

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So I'm running into. Is that so? Is it even possible.

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For the clergy to say, this is where we want our money.

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If you have not made the contribution.

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So I'm kind of.

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That as yeah.

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So.

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I was once advised.

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That if I was seeking to influence the Church Pension group.

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Which at that point I was pondering.

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Um, and that's about as far as I got pondering, I was advised that a fruitful.

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Direction could be.

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Part of one's retirement that one contributes directly.

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Through the Rsvp. I think. Um.

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Doesn't really have a great option for social good.

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And that lobbying the Cpg. To come up with a better option for that portion of retirement assets.

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Would could be effective.

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Yeah. Somebody else.

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For what it's worth.

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So suggested that same thing. It's just that is a very, very small part of what the Pension group is managing.

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So the big part is the the contributions from the churches.

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But yeah, but yeah, it's a start, right?

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Okay. Umb.

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What are you saying? I we got like 5 min.

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Yeah, I just wanna say again, um.

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You know, just to uplift again the hard work that went into these. But also, you know, these are hard to parse even for for us in this group of leaders. Um, and they mean even less in this form to all all of our fellow um congregants. And so kind of the exciting question being, What about this is meaningful. How can we tell stories about these in a way that makes an impact? And then how do we make sure that the resources.

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Funding, liturgical resources, other pieces that are going to come from this.

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Can actually reach people in our community. So.

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Yeah, I think that thanks for sharing that piece. I think that um.

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That's my closing thought, I think, and heather.

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For those of us in the room we need to. Just. It's great to have this big picture right now we have a big picture. So again, if there is anything that.

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Phoebe covered today, or that, you see, when you go back through that list.

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Um that you're like. Oh, my gosh! This seems to have some pieces to it that I want to talk about. Let us know. Um after general convention. Uh. There was a small group of this.

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Of the creation care networks that decided to get together and talk.

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How might we.

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Enact some of the General Convention resolutions. How can we talk to people about them? So we can talk some more about that.

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We will also absolutely keep you informed.

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Uh, when the interim body gets formed was that it may get formed or it's definitely getting formed is something.

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Okay, we don't know if something comes up and we're like, Hey, we should flood this. Then we should talk about that um. And then. Now is the time to start planning for General Convention. This 80 second General Convention.

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Right in in 6 months from now we need to start figuring those pieces out uh.

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In Arizona, where there are water issues.

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Where it's going to be 117 degrees every day during general convention. Um.

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So. Oh, Phoebe did, put in the chat, something will get formed. So, though the and we'll work with you on that, if that's something that you're interested in working at a church wide, level.

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Or if you want to start working at your parish level, we still have resources for that. One of the things I just dropped in the chat is plastic free. July uh. Thanks to Lulla for finding that it was in her newsletter that she put out to her diocese again. If you want local action items. There are things that you can do. So you don't have, you know. So just it depends on where you are. And if you need help or to talk through it.

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I'm available. Jeanette's available. Jerry's available. We're here to help you do that. Um, and we haven't. Even did we talk about love. God love God's world.

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See, we have to talk about that. Oh, my gosh, love God love! God's world has launched! Yay, I don't know how that happened, Phoebe, but we're all excited.

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So. Um, I have signed up, Jerry signed up. We're talking about. Do you want to do this at a provincial level? Do you want to do this in your parishes. Clearly, uh, that's not gonna happen to in today's conversation in the next 2 min. Uh, I will drop our emails in the chat again. Um, so if you're interested, um.

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4 5 is happy to host a thing. If that makes the most sense um, and if it doesn't, then we'll we'll work out another plan, too. So.

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Oh, there it is! Phoebe put the sample session in registration so.

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Yeah, let's um. And what I was thinking about. This heather is, Phoebe. If you would speak to us, I think so far.

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The most most muddled thing in folks. Heads about this.

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Curriculum is.

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What is a registration? Why don't I get a password? What do I have to have to claim a password, so can you clarify for us exactly how that works.

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I'm happy to um. Many of you may have participated in the Sacred Ground race dialogue series. Um, this works exactly like sacred ground. So uh, the registration is for someone who's intending to host a small group and go through this curriculum together. Um to register. You don't need the names of everyone is going to be in your group. You just need an estimate of how many people will be in your group.

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Um, you fill out a brief registration form and you get an email with the password to the rest of the curriculum. Um, if you're having trouble with that um, or if you uh want more information before you register, for some reason, please just let me know.

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Right.

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And a difference, I think, from sacred ground is the sacred ground, require training for.

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Leaders.

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Yes.

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Yes.

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And this is not. Is that not true?

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We had a tree we had to have.

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I see a shaking head, and I hear it yet.

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Jeanette.

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When it.

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Yes, so yes, we had a training. We had training. Um.

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You did not, when.

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Jeanette when sacred ground 1st launched. There wasn't a training.

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Okay. I'm sorry.

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Okay.

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So yes.

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It got developed as the curriculum got developed, I would expect that we would see that then happen with this curriculum also.

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But it's um. It's meant to be taken up in a grass roots way. So any of you are welcome to register, to lead a circle, or to invite someone else.

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In your context to do so.

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All right, Heather. I see a hand.

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I just put in chat, um it. And if you're going to host a group.

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That you're gonna do via zoom, and you're open to other people joining. Then let us know that, too. So either way that you want to go if you're like, Hey, I wanna join. I don't wanna think I don't want to put together a group. I don't want to lead that. Let one of the provinces know if you're like. No, I'm ready to go, and I'm gonna do it on Zoom, and I can let other people, and we can share that with this group, too.

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You.

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Alright. We're at hour any final things, questions, urgency.

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This this caucus will continue.

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I I think I'm back. Got a meeting tomorrow, maybe about that, but I think it would be open to folks so.

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Somebody already said, I don't know if it's TV.

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That's something we'll continue. There will probably be several things that will continue uh the caucus being one of them.

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Um, so that yes, we'll have a 3 year head start on next year's convention rather than showing up.

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You know, months in advance, and then doing what we can.

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Um. So yeah. So stay tuned to newsletters. Newsletters are really helpful. So subscribe to the newsletters.

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Um Phoebe's Newsletter.

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Problem 4 and 5.

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Um.

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Okay, Phoebe. You collected hundreds, I think, of new subscribers.

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In Louisville. Yes.

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Yes, and thank you for your help with that, Jerry. That's great.

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Alright!

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Blessings, everyone.

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Any final.

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Things otherwise go with Grace out into all the world, everything and everyone you meet.

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And uh bring the kingdom of God wherever in whatever way you can.

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As you go.

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