

Creation Care notes

Nov. 4, 2019, 1 pm eastern

1. Introductions

Amy Freeman – Eastern Michigan – passion for creation care, work in composting industry

Nancy Auer – Northern Michigan – fish biology and oceanography – would like to do something special for 2020 – 50 years for Earth Day

Nikki Seger – Michigan – community garden at St. Michael's, Lansing. Food justice and local food sources. Huge interest in fly fishing

Heather Barta – Coordinator – care for creation is my biggest value.

2. Share ministries

3. Grant deadline just passed. This is the Church Center page for Creation Care:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/creation-care/grants>

4. What are the needs of this group / our parishes and dioceses? Do people need resources? Ideas?

- Nikki – at the networking phase – been at St. Michael's for 5 years. Want to be intentional about mission and ministry. Growing edge: community garden. Looking for resources and connected with the Lansing Area Food Bank Garden project. Will be a presenter at the IPL event. Working MSU Extension person talking about removing toxins from the soil to then start gardens
<https://greaterlansingfoodbank.org/programs/programs/garden-project>
IPL: <https://www.miipl.org/agenda>
Amy will also be at the event.
Diane Nelson (Nancy knows her) – might be at the event
- Nancy feels like she's "up there" and away from lots of people
Earth Day 2020 – what resources might we be able to provide?
<https://www.earthday.org/earthday/>
countdown to 2020: <https://www.earthday.org/earthday/countdown-to-2020/>
Need to check with Melanie (Staff Officer for Creation Care) – is TEC doing anything special?
What might we be able to provide for people?
Amy says: "Earth Day is everyday" – Rogation Days
Rogation Days: Mon, Tues, Wed prior to Ascension – May 18-20, 2020
International Compost Awareness Week: May 3-9, 2020. Theme: soil loves compost
Book of Occasional Services (Rogation Procession – page 103):
<https://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/21033>

- Recycling: Amy – what is going on?
Single stream is getting a bunch of contamination – Material Recovery Facility – everything is dirty
Currently looking for markets – or to build markets
Need more education about what is collected
Also possible to tour MRFs

Big Picture / Overall Map – can we identify some overall tasks / groups

Also – identify geographic areas.

And how do we keep it in people's minds all year long? Use the season of the church year?

Do something monthly?

Create a calendar for the year – IPL, TEC, local pieces?

- Water (big issue, especially in Michigan)
- Air
- Earth

Responses to issues:

Liturgies

Educational

Preaching Resources

Identifying locally sourced items – that wheat is grown at Plainsong Farm – encourage people who are making bread to use locally sourced grain.

Advent challenge idea: What watershed do you live in? What watershed is your church in?

5. Thoughts on how often to meet? Monthly or quarterly? Who isn't here that people will invite next time.

Next Gathering: Dec. 2, 1 pm eastern / 12 noon eastern

FYI: The Province V Executive Board is currently exploring how to serve networks. We are looking at how to structure the website that can include listserv lists. For now, please use the facebook events or the facebook page. Watch for resources through the monthly newsletters

Province V info:

General Website: <https://www.provincev.org>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvinceFive/>

Newsletter sign up: <https://www.provincev.org/signup.html> (monthly newsletter - about the first of the month)

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