

## Creation Care, Zoom Meeting Episcopal Prov 4 and 5.

Minutes of November 13, 2023

Attendees: Heather Barta, Cathy, Nancy Auer, Boykin Bell, Margaret Bullet-Jones, Elliott Bush, Jerry Cappel (Prov IV convener), Jamie Deyes, Jeanette Ettin (Prov V Convener), Jill Fahrenholtz, Pam Harris, Richard Hiskes, Edward Lasseigne, Lella Lowe, Jenny Mobie, Jim Mogensen, Steve Mulder, Ann Olsen, Neil, Pedersen, Alison Ricket, Nancy Tunnessen, Robin Weaver, Kim Williams. (23 total)

Special Guest: Phoebe Chatfield.

Meeting came to order at 1:03 pm ET.

A. Jerry Cappel opened our meeting with prayer.

B. Several announcements were made concerning upcoming events including: The seminar on Deep Green Faith to be held November 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, The Province 5 gathering to take place in April, and the United Nations Global Conference #28 with a November 27<sup>th</sup> noon Kickoff (all of these can be found on the creation care website for more information). Pam Harris told us about how her Diocese distributed Red Maple plants (at least one to each congregation) and also told of other activities.

C. Guest Phoebe Chatfield was with us to explain a new Curriculum being distributed by the Episcopal Church, (but not limited to Episcopalians) which is called: LOVE GOD, LOVE GOD'S WORLD. Due to be rolled out in January or February 2024. It is in a nine session small group discussion format connecting Faith, Creation Care and Eco-justice. The curriculum developed from the question – Are we preaching and teaching about creation care and connected issues?

There are 3 main parts:

- 1 What is God's Dream
- 2 Truth Telling
- 3 Restoring the Covenant

Phoebe Chatfield also explained a survey that found 83% of Episcopalians are very concerned about climate change issues but nationally only 37% of folks surveyed were concerned. Also 90% of Episcopalians asked Should we be doing more?

Ms. Chatfield has provided slides from her presentation and they can be found on the Creation Care website. Also a few other teaching and planning documents such as Blessed Tomorrow Climate and Lesson Plans that work (for youth) are also available.

Jill Fahrenholtz told us about Jelly Bean survey to get people to vote for what they think about Climate Change.

Richard Hiskes asked if deeper questions were included in the new curriculum such as: Have we considered what we owe to our children? Are there policy discussions in this material?

Someone else asked if there was content on extinction? Answer was yes. Also if any books were needed for understanding the material? None needed, Braided Sweetgrass is quoted where needed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Auer, Christ Church, Calumet, MI, Prov. 5.

### Links from the chat:

00:21:06 Heather, Prov V, she/her: <https://www.provincev.org/bpg24.html>

00:21:10 Jerry Cappel - Kentucky: <https://deepgreenfaith.org/events>

00:24:15 Phoebe Chatfield:  
[https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/2023\\_inventory\\_of\\_episcopal\\_creation\\_care\\_and\\_environmental\\_justice\\_ministries](https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/2023_inventory_of_episcopal_creation_care_and_environmental_justice_ministries)

00:24:29 Heather, Prov V, she/her: If you would like to be an exhibitor at the BPG or send swag from an organization, use this form:  
<https://www.provincev.org/swagexhibitor24.html>

00:25:22 Phoebe Chatfield:  
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtd-qupj0vGtyLmpNGnqaM5x8PdVw4OOHl#/registration](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJwtd-qupj0vGtyLmpNGnqaM5x8PdVw4OOHl#/registration)

01:07:14 Phoebe Chatfield:  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/creation-care-subscribe/>

01:07:43 Phoebe Chatfield:  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/love-god-love-gods-world-curriculum/>

01:10:10 Phoebe Chatfield:  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/creation-care-subscribe/>

01:11:13 Heather, Prov V, she/her: if you haven't read it - i suggest that you do! (the audio is great because the author reads it)  
<https://milkweed.org/book/braiding-sweetgrass>

01:12:02 Lella Lowe: This curriculum might be good to use with the One Home One Future program

<https://www.onehomeonefuture.org/>