

Creation Care notes December 2022

People present at the meeting:

Heather Barta, Jerry Cappel, Ann Olsen, Gail Smith, Emily Hopkins, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Elliot Bush, Jane Stenson, Jean Christensen, Lella Lowe, Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Susan Adams

Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Dioceses W MA and MA (Prov I)

Website of Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas (sermons, articles, books, blog posts, etc.)

<https://revivingcreation.org/>

Diocese of Western Mass. resources for creation care, including PRAY, LEARN, ACT, ADVOCATE, Creation Season/St. Francis, Earth Day, etc.

https://www.diocesewma.org/mission_ministry/creation-care/

Monthly newsletter, Creation Care Network e-news (sermons, articles, upcoming events/retreats) – with link to subscribe. December issue:

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Creation-Care-Network-E-news.html?soid=1102390657531&aid=yHQ-3qsIJ_Q

In 2021, the bishops in the two MA dioceses declared a climate emergency – with resources and suggested actions (e.g., encourage climate preaching)

<https://www.diocesewma.org/pray-learn-act-advocate-ma-bishops-declare-climate-emergency/>

2022 Season of Creation ecumenical liturgical resource:

https://www.diocesewma.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SeasonOfCreationLiturgicalGuide2022_MADioceses2_FINAL.pdf

Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis, ed. Leah Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

(21 essays on climate resilience, courage, and hope, from a range of religious traditions, with study questions and spiritual practices)

<https://www.amazon.com/Rooted-Rising-Voices-Courage-Climate/dp/1538127768>

Upcoming opportunity for advocacy on 3.21.23

[ThirdAct.org](https://www.thirdact.org/): <<Third Act has spent much of the last year collecting [Banking on our Future pledges](#) from thousands and thousands of people across America: pledges to move our money out of the big, dirty fossil-fueled banks – Bank of America, Chase, Citibank, and Wells Fargo – if they don't move their investments out of fossil fuels... these banks are using your money to fund the climate crisis in a big way. If you have \$62,500 in one of these banks, that amount loaned for pipelines, frack wells, coal, and oil exploration produces more carbon than all the driving, cooking, heating, cooling, and flying an average American

will do in 6 months. In other words, your bank may well be the largest part of your carbon footprint.

Sign one of our two Banking on our Future pledges: “If Chase, Citibank, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America are still funding climate-destroying fossil fuel projects in March 2023, I pledge to close my account and cut up my credit card. If I don’t bank at these institutions now, I pledge I won’t do so in the future.>>

Sign the Banking on Our Future pledge

<https://thirdact.org/act/bank-on-our-future-pledge/>

National Day of Action, 3.21.23

<https://thirdact.org/national-day-of-action/>

Margaret’s op-ed about multifaith prayer vigils she helped to organize in front of Bank of America, “How to close a bank”

<https://www.gazettenet.com/Guest-columnist-Bullitt-Jonas-48836878>

Emily Hopkins (Prov VIII)

Just getting started with forming a network

Creation Care Resolution Task Group

There’s a small group meeting about General Convention resolutions. If you’d like to meet with them, contact Heather to get contact info. Next meeting: Jan 25, 11 am ET / 10 am CT

Jerry Cappel

In this together: race, creation, and faith

Jerry Cappel, Director for the Center for Deep Green Faith, reported on his experience with the Center in working with the Diocese of Louisiana in a weekend workshop entitled: In This Together: Race, Creation, and Faith. During the event, three diocesan commissions worked to share common experiences and identify common areas of collaboration and need. The broad conclusion was to identify the need for spiritual formation resources that could empower each ministry to express a compelling vision of Beloved Community for all people and creatures and combat the overwhelming resistance from our culture of consumption and exploitation. It was a challenging but invigorating conversation that made clear the extent of work yet to be done.

Next steps were identified by the participants to keep the work going into the future. For more information, contact Jerry at Center@deepgreenfaith.org.

Other resources:

Sallie McFague

<https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/faith/remembering-sallie-mcfague-eco-theologian-was-gift-our-understanding-god>

List of Sallie McFague's books. The ones on eco-theology are easy to pick out

https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/165594.Sallie_McFague

Blog posting:

<https://faithandcreationcare.blogspot.com/2022/01/needed-for-creation-care-great.html>

IPL Event today:

<https://interfaithpowerandlight.salsalabs.org/whatsnext/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=2fef7ad6-352a-48a8-92c3-207c219aa9be>