

## Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: Feb 13, 2023

Location: Faith Formation room – Club Building

See minutes of previous meetings archived at <https://stpatrickbridge.org/creation-care/>

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Previous meeting of the full committee: Jan 9, 2023

Next meeting: Mar 13 2023

**Names are highlighted in yellow if they have homework for the next meeting**

**Facilitator: Mary Grace Prayer: Denise Notes: Claire**

### **A. Tasks to be Completed BEFORE This Meeting and Report**

1. Laudato Si Action Platform Bulletin Inserts: Claire & Mary Grace submitted their reflections on Sustainable Lifestyle and Ecological Education to Brian.
2. Lenten Reflections for Lenten Calendar: Brian, Mary Grace, Denise, Kate, and Dick will send their reflections to Brian, while will compile them.
3. Earth Day, April 22,23. Mary Grace will secure date for hosting hospitality.

### **B. On-Going Updates**

1. Sewer District Grant (NEORS D)/Bulletin Insert? Meetings? **Jared, Dick, Brenna**: The group is moving forward with technicality work. NEORS D wants to have an onboarding meeting with Jared and Brenna in February.

2. Solar Panels (Power Up Purchasing Cooperative through Cleveland OWNS -) Meetings? Claire and Jared met with Jonathon Welles. They plan to do a cooperative solar purchasing agreement with regional churches. **Jared** connected Jonathon with Scott, and will follow up.

3. Facilities Committee Meeting Update and When Meetings Held? Fr. Gurnick would prefer that Jared and Brenna be the ones to stay in touch about the NEORS D grant. **Judy** will continue to be a liaison to Scott about Creation Cares work. The Facilities Committee will do an electrical audit and explore partnering with solar companies, etc. All Facilities Committee meetings are now published online.

4. Kateri Garden/Bulletin Insert?/Next Steps **Brenna** is working with Scott to receive funds for the Kateri Garden. This grant is on the Facilities Committee agenda.

5. Meeting with Hunger Center Coordinators to Suggest Recycling single use plastic bottles and #10 cans: **Bill and Brian** will continue working on this, particularly in conversation with Harvey and Sandy. At last week's meal, six #10 cans were recycled!

6. Deacon in Training Communication: Bill shared that Deacon in Training Zach has already done his Creation Cares rotation in a previous position, according to his supervisor, Stephanie.

7. The Letter Screening: Group proposed to host screening and publicize to a larger audience via Jeff Campbell, after Lent. Denise reported that the youth group leader said the best timing for the screening would be at 7pm on Sundays. Also discussed showing the film at both the hospitality event on April 23 and that evening at

7pm, in the hall. Decided to table this discussion until next month. **Judy** will reach out to Jeff Campbell about what his timing considerations are.

8. Litter Pilgrimage/WSCCT Updates: Brian reported that on Sunday, 3/19, 6:30pm St. Christopher's RCC will be holding a Lament for Creation event. Brian write about event for church bulletin.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS:**

Earth Day Plans (Liturgy, Hospitality/Presentations): **Mary Grace** is willing to organize hospitality events for Earth Day weekend. We will discuss more in March meeting.

Banking on our Future Pledge – March 21: Judy sent an email about banking with Wells Fargo, Chase, and JP Morgan, and their negative social impacts on climate. She will ask parishioners to sign a petition about this on April 23, hospitality day. March 21<sup>st</sup> is “cut up your card” day for cardholders with these banks. More information can be found at Bill McKibbon's 3<sup>rd</sup> Act website.

LENTEN Calendar Distribution and Announcements: We will publish and distribute the Lenten calendar the week of 2/26.

Goals 6 and 7 Laudato Si Platform Bulletin Inserts: **Claire** will write up goal #5, **Dick** will write up goal #6, and **Mary Grace** will write up goal #7.

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Seven Goals of Laudato Si'

1- Cry of the Earth

2- Cry of the Poor

3- Ecological Economics

4- Sustainable Lifestyle

5- Ecological Education

6- Ecological Spirituality

7- Community Engagement and Action

DSAO Virtual Lenten Series (Three Wednesdays in Lent): **Mary Grace** will host a watch party for this series.

Tree Planting in Tremont/Share with St. Patrick's as Resource: Mary Grace shared a packet about successful tree planting initiative as an exemplar for community engagement. Bill's friend Dan is an organizer from Tremont who coordinated tree planting in the neighborhood. May be of interest to Fr. Gurnick, who has brought up planting “in memoriam” trees before. **Judy** will share this with Scott as an idea for how we can plant, implement, communicate our groundworks plans/ideas.

### **D. NEXT MEETINGS:**

March 13: Judy will facilitate, Bill will do prayer, and Dick will take notes.

April 10: Dick will facilitate, Kate will do prayer, and Brenna will take notes.