

Dominican Sisters Conference Regional Meeting @ Blauvelt • January 11, 2014

Regional Action Proposals

1. Education on science and economics of:
 - a. Climate control – new technologies
 - b. Fracking
 - c. Indian Point
 - d. Food – GMOs
 - e. Pollution of Air/Water (bi-products that are used on roads)
 - f. Share this information with parishes and other groups
 - i. Live-stream education
 - ii. Promote DVD presented at meetings
 - iii. Model 'Nuns on the Bus' with the issue of climate change
 - iv. Seminars for preservation and care of the earth
 - v. Websites and social media
2. Policy Participation
 - a. Re: fracking, pipelines, water rights
 - b. Question and promote municipal, county & state, investment in renewables/ clean energy
 - c. Stop desalination plant – promote fixing leaks in our water supply system
3. Corporate Advocacy
 - a. Transparency with our congregational investments
 - i. to share what we invest
 - ii. to have more of a voice
 - iii. opportunities to invest together
 - b. Actively support the work of Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment
 - c. Bring Investment committee together to discuss our current stance
 - d. Praise and thank companies who do the right thing
4. Tangible Promotion of Environmental Rights
 - a. Preserving cove in Asbury Park, NJ – oppose redevelopment
 - b. New opportunities for us with a common promoter for JPIC
 - c. Work with local [environmental] organizations
 - d. Hudson River – clean water – support ROAR
 - e. Support local CSAs
 - f. Start a new ministry – 'Dominican Responders'- providing disaster relief

National Action Proposals

1. *Refer to Education segment for Regional Action Proposals
2. Corporate Advocacy
 - a. Creating a corporate stance
 - i. On Climate Change, Fracking, Water rights
 - b. An evaluation/report card for our companies
 - c. Coordinate our voices via proxy initiatives to voice concern over climate change and require firms to reduce carbon footprint
 - d. Promote membership in Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility / Tri-State CRI
3. Transportation/ Travel
 - a. Reevaluate how we meet/ convene
 - i. Travel, energy, food, plastic, etc.

International Action Proposals

1. Role for OPs to have a voice preparing for Peru in 12/14 and Paris in 11/15
2. Support Margaret Mayce in her role at the UN
3. With our sisters in the Philippines, we have an opportunity to make climate change real and share their experiences with the rest of our international community