

## DSC AREA MEETING – MARIANDALE - FEBRUARY 9, 2014

### REGIONAL ACTION PROPOSALS:

- ❖ Create a clearing house of socially responsible companies so we know which ones to support
- ❖ Actively support & participate in local organizations seeking to mitigate the effects of global climate change
- ❖ Consider possible action group regarding conservation of coastlands – similar to ROAR.
- ❖ Sponsor a River Keeper Tour for OPSCC
- ❖ Explore land trusts and CSA
- ❖ Gather groups for reflection on climate CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS ON ALL CREATION.
- ❖ Ask our new OPSCC Justice Promoter to focus her communication on this issue so we are all focused, and not over-loaded. Include Maryknoll and the Roman Congregation as well.
- ❖ Create “ Green Task Force” at Congregational level, to research how to “ green” our properties/ministries, and link this with our Justice promoter.
- ❖ Use the DVD with our local communities and ministries; it is a “preaching.”
- ❖ More intentional connection with Tri-Cri, and spread the information – even to those who may not agree.
- ❖ Advocate for Earth – in light of legislation impacting our region in the areas of: hydro-fracking; Indian Point; Hudson River reclamation; transportation of crude oil; use of salt before/during/after snowfalls; banning plastic bags.
- ❖ Use our Development Offices as resources for sustainability efforts such as solar panels, etc; and enhance communication among all of these offices.
- ❖ Share the DVD with local TV and religious TV stations.
- ❖ Encourage use of alternate energy sources, such as solar, wind; and investigate grants from REAP (Rural Energy for America Program), NYSERDA (NY State Energy Research and Development Authority)
- ❖ Commission the Earth Council to work with the OPSCC and others as appropriate to declare our Congregational properties “NO FRACKING ZONES”

### NATIONAL ACTION PROPOSALS:

- ❖ Sharing what groups are doing regarding environment/climate change – through the DSC; publicize what local communities are doing to reduce their carbon footprint.

- ❖ **Commitment to educate ourselves and others: [education-portal.com](http://education-portal.com); TED talks on climate change on YouTube**
- ❖ **Create content on climate change that can be used by individual Sisters in writing letters to the editors of their local newspapers.**
- ❖ **For future remodeling/building on our properties – “build green.”**
- ❖ **Actively participate in local organizations – especially Tri-Cri; land preservation movements.**
- ❖ **Use the DVD for high schools, colleges, and other audiences.**
- ❖ **Place what we did today in the context of our vows. And the OP pillar of study, asking “what about our relationship to this sign of the times?”**
- ❖ **Encourage the availability of scorecards on candidates on local and national level, regarding their record on ecological issues.**
- ❖ **Request Margaret Mayce to “alert” us to moments leading up to 2015 Paris Climate Conference, so that we can contact our representatives asking for US International cooperation.**
- ❖ **Corporate stance on climate change, utilizing all forms of media; using our public voice.**
- ❖ **Request LCWR to make climate change a priority issue; this would connect us better to UISG/DSI.**
- ❖ **Create study groups to gather information on how to influence companies – vis-à-vis GE; asking what have you done...?”**