

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; 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...?”