

DSC AREA MEETING - SPARKILL - APRIL 26, 2014

Regional Suggestions:

- ❖ **Make DVD available; tweak Theological reflection and Action section for use with younger generation and general public. Use as ongoing education, faith formation and in curriculum.**
- ❖ **Water – need greater awareness of critical future shortages and present issues**
- ❖ **Highlight recent weather changes to educate people on effects of climate change**
- ❖ **More education on our dependency on oil – e.g., plastics; clothing**
- ❖ **Use Communications person to inform the public of what Sparkill OPs are doing to cherish and preserve creation.**
- ❖ **Be more aware of organizations that work to preserve our water, etc. on the local level, and actively support these organizations.**
- ❖ **Make DVD available and publicize our stances**
- ❖ **Investigate the “Adopt-A-Highway” program regarding its efficacy and how it works**
- ❖ **Commit to using cloth bags vs. plastic**
- ❖ **Explore the most efficient ways to conserve electricity and water**
- ❖ **Keep the issue of climate change before our Congregations. The more we are involved in decisions to act, the greater the impact.**
- ❖ **Support and participate in organizations that are working to mitigate the effects of global climate change.**
- ❖ **Make DVD available to our networks, sponsored ministries, etc...**
- ❖ **Keep educating ourselves, and others; especially on issues in New York State: fracking; dangerous fuel transport; water; organic foods**
- ❖ **Support the organic movement and look at suppliers for our Motherhouses and ministries.**
- ❖ **How do we link with other people/groups to respond to needs? We need to re-vision our mission and our relationships. We need to be “on the margins,” but still relevant in relationship with the Church.**

National Suggestions:

- ❖ **Issue of responsible investment**
- ❖ **Keep disseminating information about the Conference**
- ❖ **Support and participate in organizations that are working to mitigate the effects of global climate change.**
- ❖ **The issue is “soul size.” Let’s organize ourselves (personnel & resources) to make the theological reflection on Creation more thorough and accessible to others.**
- ❖ **Consider Campaign Financing and corporate fossil-based money in our political system.**
- ❖ **Look at “disaster relief,” and long-term measures to enable sustainability**