

**Dominican Sisters Conference
Regional Meeting in Northwest
March 1, 2014**

DSC Table Responses

EDUCATION

- FB page for Earth
- Blog from the Earth
- Focus on Sustainability
- TED talks on Earth
- Raise awareness, re: efficiency of hybrid cars, polyester clothing, coal transport
- Education re: “Stop the coal trains” – coal to China, protection to miners, stop air pollution, encourage clean energy for China, etc.
- Look into the radiation from Japan – ocean and beach pollution
- Viral videos (Earth Speak)
- Discipline ourselves against waste of water and electricity
- Focus in our dedication to preaching and our charism of Truth

COLLABORATION/COALITIONS

- Form a coalition using all effective means and resources for teaching and contemporary communication, e.g., Dominican scholars in preaching, arts, theologians, include all who share our commitment to love and preservation of creation
- Collaborate with civic leaders doing Earth Day – make it huge
- Start a local “Saving Circle” with business and utility folks; discuss ways to “save energy, water, recycle”
- Support IPJC in their projects against Human Trafficking
- Form coalitions with IPJC and Sound Alliance and other community agencies and groups around key issues
- Global and local: work with SNJMs and other groups re: bottled water

ACTION

- Random acts of saving Earth
- Honor local businesses for being earth aware
- Involve Schools – Hospitals (Franciscan and Providence)
- An action at Bremerton – Ground Zero
- Support recycling programs in our local area
- Supporting/joining against coal coalitions
- International: get a parish or corporation to provide a well in an under-developed country
- Perform energy audits whenever possible

ADVOCACY

- Nuns on the Bus
- TPP Transpacific Partnership: #1. Work against fast tracking so the agreement comes up for discussion
- Fracking and Keystone XL Pipeline: contamination of large quantities of water, destruction of peoples' lives, air pollution
- Continue to lobby at all levels
- Locally/Statewide: change the policy/law that governs disposal of food not used in schools and restaurants
- Global and local: put pressure on government for strong/stable public transportation
- Support environmental issues re: email requests to advocate for the health/well-being of the earth and its species

MISCELLANEOUS

- Air travel
- Earned media