

# Grace Creation Care

September, 2024

The Season of Creation!



## *Loving Formation (Pray)*

To see a World in a Grain of Sand  
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour

—Excerpt from *Auguries of Innocence* by William Blake



## *Liberating Advocacy (Advocate)*

From the website of the Episcopal Church regarding 'liberating advocacy': For God's sake, standing alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, we will advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people.

### **Environmental Racism**

1. Environmental injustice that occurs in practice and in policy within a racialized context. 2. Any policy, practice, or directive that differentially affects or disadvantages (whether intended or unintended) individuals, groups, or communities based on race or color.

Click on the link below for more information on advocating for environmental racism!

<https://www.episcopalassetmap.org/networks/creation-care-and-environmental-racism>

## *Loving Creation (Learn)*

Over the summer several folk from Holland, interested in 'Creation Care' met for a book discussion once a month for three months around the book *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth* by Debra Rienstra! It was a wonderful time hearing from Dr. Tom Boogaart, Dr. Steve Bouma-Prediger and from Debra herself! She is a wealth of information and pointed us to her website to 'learn' more! So, I am pointing you to her website for more information and what we can do as individuals and groups to care for God's creation! The website address is:

<https://debrarienstra.com/refugia-faith/suggested-resources/>

Enjoy, happy hunting and more resources will be available during the month on the display table in The Commons!

## *Life-giving Conservation (Act)*

**Plainsong Farm Visit! Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>!** Join with many folk who meet at Plainsong Farm on Sunday evenings at 4:30 pm for worship in nature and a shared meal together! Meet in the Grace church parking lot at 3:30 pm to car pool!!! Bring something to pass for the shared meal! There is always enough!

### **Unplug**

Stop what you're doing. Take a break. Go outside. Change perspective. Take deep breaths. Slow yourself down. Unplug. Disconnect from devices. Gaze. What catches your eye? What's beautiful? Hold there. "Be still and know that I am God." From stillness, what do you know? What are you grateful for?  
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