

Healing Stories on Sacred Lands: A Workshop with Land Justice Futures

Land Justice is the practice of centering ecological, social, and racial justice in decisions about how land is used, loved, and governed by people. This retreat aims to transform the way we, as a community of women religious, approach decisions about the future of the land we steward in a time of ecological crisis and racial injustice.

Together, we will:

- Create contemplative space to reflect on how your community's charism connects to the ideals of land justice;
- Situate land justice as a necessary response to this present moment, and a powerful invitation to help shape the future
- Deepen our understanding of the roots of land *injustice* and their connection to the ongoing crises of climate change and racism;
- Learn from local BIPOC land stewards who are working within their communities to restore lifeways, repair harm, regenerate land, and build food sovereignty;
- Hear some real examples of how land access, tenure, and equity is being restored to regenerative and original/BIPOC stewards.

Our time together will feature prayer, presentation, reflection, small-group sharing, and opportunities for communion with one another!

2-day Sample Land Justice Workshop Schedule

Day One

9:30-10: Opening Prayer, Welcome, Land Acknowledgment **FC Team**

10-10:45 Opening Framing and Discussion

At a critical time in our history, communities of women religious can play a key role in the racial and ecological healing our society so desperately needs by resourcing BIPOC communities to steward a new paradigm of wholeness.

10:45-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12: Community Connections: Mission, Charism, and Land Justice

In interactive small groups, we discuss how our charism as women religious is at the heart of a future of land justice!

12-1:30 LUNCH

1:30- 3:15 Narrative of Racism, Colonization, and the Doctrine of Discovery

In this presentation, activity, and discussion we will learn how the Church's Doctrine of Discovery has undergirded 500 years of colonization on this continent, leading to ecological destruction and racial disparity. We'll also investigate how we might be a part of the resistance!

2:45-3:15 BREAK

3:45-4:30 Reflect and Close for the Day

5:30 DINNER

Day 2

9:30-9:45 Welcome Back!

9:45-10:45 Visioning: BIPOC Land Justice Leaders

Hear from local BIPOC speakers who are working to steward land, reclaim lifeways, and build food sovereignty.

10:45-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12: Reflection and Discussion on Guest Speakers

How might our own community organize ourselves so that we might participate in, uplift, and support this work?

12-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-2:45 Generational Conversation: "The Good Ancestor" Activity

What wisdom from our origins might our founders have to offer us as we make key decisions about our land? What might our future descendants thank us for? How might the Earth herself have a voice in our discussions?

2:45-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4 Integration and Closing