

## EARTH DAY 2022: ST. LUKE'S AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



*“The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it” Psalm 24:1*

The pursuits of *social justice* and *environmental justice* are integrally connected. Both efforts are part of acknowledging that this earth and all of us who live upon it belong to God. Both efforts are ways of seeking right relationship in a world marked by human-caused suffering and exploitation. And both efforts are crucial elements of the Church’s mission, as expressed in the Anglican Communion:

**Fourth Mark of Mission: To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation**

**Fifth Mark of Mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

The reality of climate change means the Church must be ever-more committed to the mission of social transformation. We must strive to foster social relationships of reconciliation, interdependence, and solidarity, so that all people may work together to prevent further climate destruction and adapt to the new environmental realities of this earth. While we only have about a decade to significantly deter climate change, a just transition to renewable energy sources is possible. Our faith compels us to individually and collectively take appropriate actions of conservation and adaptation. We can act; we must act quickly.

### **GET INVOLVED**

***The St. Luke’s Public Policy and Environmental Action Team*** meets monthly to discuss important issues of social and environmental justice, and to consider our faith-filled response. For information about our next meeting, email PPEAT Co-Chair Sarah Braik at [sbraik642@gmail.com](mailto:sbraik642@gmail.com)

***World Too Beautiful*** is a service that uses words, music, silence, and photography to honor our connection with the earth and to our stewardship of it. It is accompanied by the hauntingly beautiful Native American style flute music of Kevin Reams. It is held monthly on first Wednesdays, 6:15 pm, in Saint Luke’s Emmanuel Chapel and via Zoom. Anyone who wishes to receive a reminder, Zoom link, or service bulletin for World Too Beautiful is invited to add their name to our Friends of World Too Beautiful email list. We are always looking for those who would like to serve as readers, reflectors or photographers for our service. Contact Linda Carleton at [lindacarleton01@gmail.com](mailto:lindacarleton01@gmail.com)

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR SUGGESTED ACTION YOU CAN TAKE**

## **CARBON CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

### **1. Cut down on the amount of energy you consume**

- a. *Walk, bike, take a bus or carpool*
- b. *Eat local foods, reduce meat & waste*
- c. *Recycle and re-use*

### **2. Make your home more energy-efficient**

- a. *Swap incandescent bulbs for LED lights*
- b. *Lower hot water usage & fix leaky faucets*
- c. *If you own your home, find rebates for weather-proofing, heat pumps, solar panels and more at [www.energymaine.com](http://www.energymaine.com)*

### **3. Support access and adaptation to renewable energy**

- a. *Choose green power as your electric source*
- b. *Advocate for state legislation that advances renewable energy production*
- c. *Support the climate advocacy work being led by people of color and historically marginalized communities (such as Indigenous Environmental Network [www.ienearth.org](http://www.ienearth.org))*

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

- *Track your carbon footprint: [www.sustainislandhome.org](http://www.sustainislandhome.org)*
- *Portland & South Portland One Climate Future: [www.oneclimatefuture.org](http://www.oneclimatefuture.org)*

