

Annual Report

The Bishop's Environmental Commission



The presence of God in creation as seen in this photo from The Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. Uptown deanery clergy visitation day, July 22, 2020.

A Lens on Creation

From TEC Creation Care website we read... “In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned for the global climate emergency, drawing on diverse approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of

Creation.” The Bishop’s Environmental Commission seeks to follow, participate in, and amplify the *Moral Voice of the Church* by offering opportunities for our churches to live into the resolutions adopted during the 2018 General Convention of The Episcopal Church relating to the environment and/or climate change and to encourage parish action and commitment on a wide variety of resolutions:

2018-C008 Advocacy for Creation Care.

Bishop Thompson invited the faithful to participate in Sustain Island Home during our 2019 diocesan convention by saying “Our Environmental Commission is in the process of contacting your clergy and plans are being made to invite every member of every church in our diocese to learn about and participate in this great work of personal and corporate transformation, for the love of the earth.” One tool that has recently been developed to help Episcopalians lead more sustainable lives is the web-based tool, Sustain Island Home :(www.sustainislandhome.org).

2018-A011 Oppose Environmental Racism.

The Environmental Commission in partnership with The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition produced a webinar; **Environmental Justice Means Racial Justice** which can be viewed here:

https://xula.zoom.us/rec/share/szamwZY5uiuKSGmQlzaX_HvBkGwiaTQJzzQK2OZs9kFLfzIJUc4tJ4J-P_iYA4co.lPeZ6MrkewBxh-iR

2018-A013 Facilitating the Development of the Church’s Ministry of the Care of Creation.

The Environmental Commission has met with and assisted churches within the diocese to establish their own Creation Care Ministry.

Finally, The Environmental Commission in partnership with The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition produced a three part webinar series and participated in the worldwide event: Season of Creation: A Jubilee for the Earth. The first in the series was a presentation facilitated by Dr. Robin Gottfried and two associates from The University of the South in Sawanee, Tn. titled; **Transforming Faith, Transforming Earth** which can be viewed here:

<https://xula.zoom.us/rec/share/8fo8u3CHzAUkeFgtrQfrjWNEURFtczr6JjGR2nsuZDu1MnriUWL3SQWiZAX-2D5.wWinJCJcKrtsZhh8>

Respectfully submitted,

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