



## **NewsNotes**

### **April 2023**

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As we approach Easter, I wish you all a very Blessed Holy Week.

This past weekend's faith sharing zoom meetings on the need for ecological conversion were one of the experiences that enriched my experience of Lent. I was able to think back to some of the experience of awe and wonder from my youth, but in doing so realized how much of my life was spent taking the wonders of nature and God's presence there in for granted. In this community I felt a call to change. I have been reading more Celtic and Native American spirituality to deepen my experience.

Another experience this Lent was the chance to spend a little time at the UN Conference on Water. The heart moving moment of those three days for me was a event on the Human Rights of Indigenous people when it comes to water. It waw painful to here their cries to be heard. They remarked before these international leaders that they often have no voice in their own counties, So they came to the UN in the hopes that their message would move us to see their expertise in caring for Earth and water. They asked for no special rights, only the human right to have clean water, unpolluted by big corporations especially those doing oil exploration and mining companies. They objected to the privatization of water (often a policy of the International Monetary Fund), treating it as a commodity to be bought and sold, rather than the God-given resource that it is. They know that trees protect and provide water so they want an end to logging operations that destroy their environment.

A third aspect of my Lenten experience this year was the opportunity to spend a few hours on Tuesday mornings doing Lection Divina at the local Franciscan retreat house with a group of five to ten listeners. The leader, one of the friars, would choose a reding from the up-coming Sunday, usually the Gospel, but not always. We would spend a hour listening to the word, passing the book around so everyone could give voice to it. We would share an important word or phrase, later try to share what the reading was saying to each of us, and after a brief coffee break came back to hear the words again asking what is God asking of me this week in this message? I came away from every

meeting aware how precious it is to be able to listen deeply to God's word.

Perhaps as you read parts of this newsletter (or something similar) there will be a word from God in there for you, something that moves you to act for someone else, or to pray for a solution to a problem not your own, or read something you know you need to learn more about. May you find the heart and the will and the time to follow such a call this Holy Week or Easter Season.

## Frank

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### Vatican repudiates 15<sup>th</sup> century "Doctrine of Discovery"



To the surprise of many activists and advocates, on Thursday, 30 March, the Vatican announced its rejection of the Doctrine of Discovery which during the 15<sup>th</sup> century allowed Catholic explorers to claim lands and people they "discovered" as property of their Catholic nations. The Papal Bull announcing

the doctrine justified the colonization of peoples and nations, an injustice that still affects many policies and attitudes six centuries later despite recent efforts to undo its effects.

The [Joint Statement issued by the Vatican](#) was issued by the Dicastries for Culture and Educations, and for Promoting Integral Human Development. The document was issued stating: "*In fidelity to the mandate received from Christ, the Catholic Church strives to promote universal fraternity and respect for the dignity of every human being.*" (1)

*In our own day, a renewed dialogue with indigenous peoples, especially with those who profess the Catholic Faith, has helped the Church to understand better their values and cultures. With their help, the Church has acquired a greater awareness of their sufferings, past and present, due to the expropriation of their lands, which they consider a sacred gift from God and their ancestors, as well as the policies of forced assimilation, promoted by the governmental authorities of the time, intended to eliminate their indigenous cultures. As Pope Francis has emphasized, their sufferings constitute a powerful summons to abandon the colonizing mentality and to walk with them side by side, in mutual respect and dialogue, recognizing the rights and cultural values of all individuals and peoples. In this regard, the Church is committed to accompany indigenous peoples and to foster efforts aimed at promoting reconciliation and healing. (4)*

While now rejected, the Doctrine of Discovery had been the basis of some American law that gave Native Americans the right to live on land but not the right to own it. The implications of the doctrine's repudiation are yet to be determined but could be far reaching.

Pope Francis' efforts to include indigenous people in the synod on the Amazon and his willingness to meet and ask forgiveness of indigenous peoples over the injustices perpetrated by church-run residential schools for indigenous youth in Canada and the United States moved him personally to start the process to formally rescind the doctrine.

In recent years, the Church has strongly supported the [United Nations Declaration on the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#), adopted by the UN in 2007 while the United States was one of four countries that voted against the Declaration. The other three negative votes came from Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

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## The Big One

by David Richardson

From the 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of April 100,000 thousand people will surround the Houses of Parliament to demand action by the UK government on the climate emergency this will be the biggest climate protest yet in the UK. Part of what makes this action significant is it's inclusively, bringing together over 70 different organisations which includes Churches, Christian organisations, trade unionists, anti-racism campaigners and climate activists, CSJP members will be there also! The invitation is for everybody to be part of this in person or wherever they are.

The 4-day event is aimed to be family-friendly, accessible, creative and engaging. There will be art music, talks and faith services. Each day has a theme, Friday is 'unite to survive' when Westminster will be a wave of flags and banners. Saturday is 'earth day', a family-friendly march for biodiversity and is also international environmental awareness day. Sunday's theme is 'we are running out of time', which coexists with the London Marathon and Monday is 'choose your future' which is when Parliament returns and the demand is delivered.

We must take this opportunity to unite as governments fail to deliver the action needed to avoid devastating climate breakdown. The [BBC reported](#) on the recent UN climate report which said "There is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a livable and sustainable future for all"

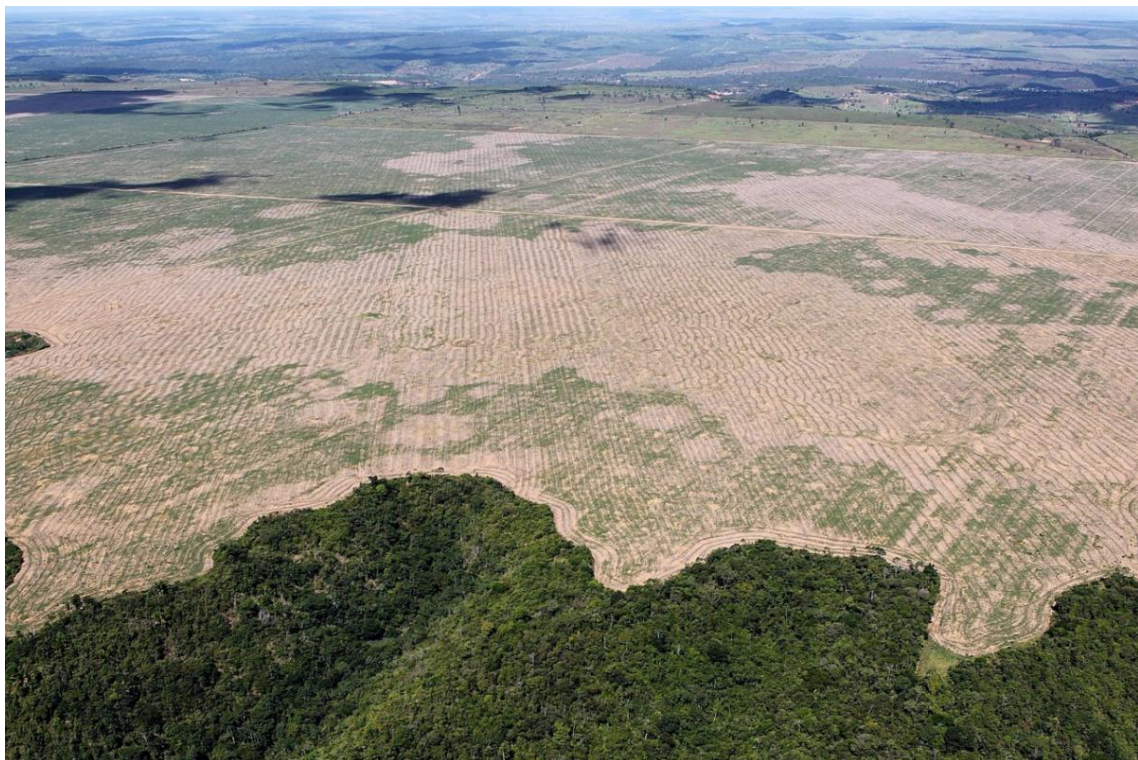
We need to act now.

You can be involved in many ways, such as joining us at the protest Saturday 22 April. Using the prayer booklet compiled by [Christian climate action](#) or following the order of service compiled by [Churches Together](#) in Ireland and Britain. Pray for the event before and during, telling others about the event and encouraging them to pray or attend. This is our opportunity to stand united with humanity and cry for the care of our common home and the concern for the poor.

If you would like to know more information or attend the event then don't hesitate to get in touch with me at [david@csjp-uk.co.uk](mailto:david@csjp-uk.co.uk)

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## An Opportunity to protect the Amazon



From [Eko](#)

Former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro made it no secret that it was his

“dream” to destroy the Amazon, tearing it open for unchecked exploitation by miners, farmers, and loggers.

He lost his re-election bid – and the new administration under President Lula da Silva is now doing everything it possibly can for the Amazon. But the election was VERY close. We need to Bolsonaro-proof the Amazon, and we need to do it now – before someone like him wins again.

Now thanks to a brilliant new policy launched in two Brazilian states – we can. These states want to legally recognise Indigenous and traditional community Amazon lands, in effect protecting them permanently. And we can help.

Our partner Rainforest Trust is working directly with local partners to get more than 2 million acres of Amazon forest protected under this system, across SIX territories that have been inhabited by Indigenous People and traditional communities for generations.

Every \$/€/£ 1 that is donated helps ensure protection for an acre of real Amazon forest — and right now, all donations will be matched by a generous donor, doubling your impact. Your donation will directly protect the Amazon forest and its people - can you help Bolsonaro-proof the Amazon?

[Make a donation here.](#)

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## The High Seas Treaty concluded 4 March



From the Guardian, 4 March, 2023 By Karen McVeigh

A full day after the deadline for talks had officially passed, the conference president, Rena Lee of Singapore, took to the floor of room 2 of the UN headquarters in New York and announced that the treaty had been agreed. At a later date, the delegates will meet for half a day to formally adopt the text. She made it clear the text would not be reopened.

“In Singapore, we like to go on learning journeys, and this has been the learning journey of a lifetime,” Lee said.

She thanked delegates for their dedication and commitment. “The success is also yours,” she told them.

She received cheers and a standing ovation from delegates in the room who had not left the conference hall for two days and worked through the night in order to get the deal done.

The historic treaty is crucial for enforcing the 30x30 pledge made by countries at the [UN biodiversity conference in December](#), to protect a third of the sea (and land) by 2030. Without a treaty, this target would certainly fail, as until now no legal mechanism existed to set up MPAs on the high seas.

Covering almost two-thirds of the ocean that lies outside national boundaries, the treaty will provide a legal framework for establishing vast marine protected areas (MPAs) to protect against the loss of wildlife and share out the genetic resources of the high seas. It will establish a conference of the parties (Cop) that will meet periodically and enable member states to be held to account on issues such as governance and biodiversity.

Ocean ecosystems produce half the oxygen we breathe, represent 95% of the planet’s biosphere and soak up carbon dioxide, as the world’s largest carbon sink. Yet until now, fragmented and loosely enforced rules governing the high seas have rendered this area more susceptible than coastal waters to exploitation.

[Read the full story here.](#)

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## Reflections on the UK Spring budget

by David Richardson

On the 15 March the UK Chancellor (Jeremy Hunt) delivered the spring budget, it was an opportunity for the new Chancellor to respond to the challenges facing households across the UK. While action in some areas was promising, especially with childcare funding, the budget needed to adequately address the challenges facing households, especially those on low incomes.

The population of the United Kingdom is 67 million people. [The Guardian](#) reported that there are 271,000 homeless, 400,000 children sleep without a bed of their own, 14 million live in damp or substandard housing and 7.5 million UK

households are in fuel poverty. In the past year, food prices have risen by 18%, with 9.7 million adults skipping or cutting back on meals and 6 in 10 adults unable to afford other basic essentials. Poverty is worsening a record 2.1 million people using food banks and 14.4 million are living in poverty, 4.2 million are children. More than 3 million UK adults are estimated to be in hygiene poverty, 3 in 10 girls could not afford period products, and 1 in 4 admitted they had gone without toilet paper, soap or shower gel. These statistics are substantial, but we need to be mindful that behind each statistic, there is a man, woman and child, each with their own story.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is a charity that conducts and funds research around poverty in the UK. [Their response](#) to the budget identified three significant challenges the Spring Budget still needs to address.

- The inadequacy of the social security system impacts the ability of low-income households to meet the rising costs of essentials.
- The systems around the UK labour market currently do not do enough to help people remain in, or join, the labour market when they have childcare responsibilities or ill health.
- The housing downturn risks entrenching the unaffordability of homes and continuing to lock people out of the homes they need.

Sadly, the UK government does not recognise the situation's urgency or see the people behind these statistics. It is, therefore, our responsibility to make those unseen seen. It is the principle of the common good that should bring us into solidarity with the poorest of our brothers and sisters.

Recently while visiting the Sisters at the Carlton House, I came across the [picture above](#), "The Christ of Breadlines" hanging on the wall. It is a powerful illustration and demonstrates my point perfectly. The illustration is by Fritz Eichenberg born to a Jewish family in Cologne, Germany. The destruction of World War 1 shaped his anti-war sentiments. He was politically outspoken in written work and through illustrations, particularly wood engravings, where he showed his concern with religion, social justice and nonviolence. Although raised in a non-religious family, he became a Quaker and regularly contributed illustrations to Dorothy Day's newspaper, The Catholic Worker. I wonder what the Holy Spirit shows you in this illustration, How could you show solidarity to those who experience Social injustice?

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**NETWORK starts campaign for Medicaid, housing and food programs**



NETWORK, the Catholic social justice lobby founded by religious sisters 50 years ago introduced their 2023 spring campaign for a moral budget in 2023.

First they will continue to lobby for a clean bill on lifting the debt ceiling. It has been the custom to cleanly raise the debt ceiling when the need arises. It is a matter of paying debts already agreed to by both parties in the House and Senate.

There are threats that that Republicans may look to cut Medicaid funds, 25% of which go to children. There is significant need to include housing funds since the were left out of the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) passed last fall. Another important part of the lobby groups ask is that there be no further cuts to food programs such as SNAP (Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program) and WIC (women and Infant Children) funds. SNAP funding had been increased over the pandemic period but those additional funds of approximately \$90 per month per family recently ended despite the increasing cost of food due to inflation and reported price gouging.

Read more in the letter below from Mary Novak, Executive Director of NETWORK.

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**Love the Stranger**





By David Richardson

["Love the Stranger"](#) is a 2023 report by the Department for International Affairs of the UK Catholic Church. It's aim is to assist local churches in the process of walking together as one and present the UK Catholic response to refugees and migrants through 24 principles. It is a report that I recommend we should prayerfully read and consider in the UK or US, as it provides us with a clear and unified response.

The report places the human being at the heart, looking beyond statistics and policies but to the person. It "expresses the need to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives." While challenging us that "each member of the family of nations has a responsibility to promote peace and human rights throughout the world so that all peoples can flourish in the countries in which they live". We are commanded to love the stranger.

While the report does not propose detailed solutions to complex problems, it clearly calls for procedures which permit safe and controlled access and a fair hearing for those seeking asylum. Sadly, arrangements in the UK are dramatically lacking in both requirements.

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## UK Illegal Immigration Bill

by David Richardson

In 2022 approximately 45,000 men, women and children crossed the English Channel in small boats to reach the UK, most of whom claimed asylum. Official estimates for 2023 are that 80,000 people are expected to make the same journey.

The U.K.'s government response has been to seek to introduce the Illegal Immigration Bill, which will likely clash with the European Convention on Human Rights, which ironically the UK were a founding member of and subscribe to.

The naming of the Illegal Immigration Bill suggests that seeking refuge in the UK by travelling by small boat is illegal, which it is not as the convention explicitly recognises that refugees may be compelled to enter a country of asylum through irregular routes. [UNHCR](#) the UN refugee agency stated "Branding refugees as undeserving based on mode of arrival distorts these fundamental facts," Refugee groups argue that the UK offers no "safe and legal routes" for asylum.

If introduced the bill would impose a legal duty to remove anyone who arrives on a small boat to either Rwanda or another "safe third country" without hearing their asylum claim. UNHCR said such legislation would "amount to an asylum ban no matter how genuine and compelling" individual cases may be. "The effect of the bill would be to deny protection to many asylum seekers in need of safety and protection, and even deny them the opportunity to put forward their case," and "This would be a clear breach of the Refugee Convention."

The UK lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan, has commented on the government's Illegal Migration Bill "While we all wish to end dangerous Channel crossings, this new legislation treats migrants and refugees as a problem to be solved rather than brothers and sisters towards whom we have responsibilities. Establishing more safe routes, and genuinely understanding people's individual circumstances are essential to meeting these." "As Christians we call for the human person, made in the image and likeness of God, to be put at the heart of public policy."

In response to the above concerns if you are UK resident you can directly petition the government through the following [link](#), write to your MP which I can provide support with and read "Love the Stranger" below. Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)



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## Laudato Si' Ecological Economics teams still at work

The congregation's work in the area of Ecological Economics continues. We continue to leverage our investments in companies such as Microsoft, The Southern Company, PNC Bank, Citi Bank, and Tyson's among others. In some cases we are asking them to do racial equity audits to report on how the company impacts people of color, within their workforce or in the communities where they work or produce product. Another area is to ask companies to

report their compliance with the Paris accords of 2015 and what progress are they making at achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. As shareholders we ask to see their plans to achieve that goal and to report how they actually measure their progress.

What we are challenged to do, not only as a CSJP congregation but as a church worldwide, is to move our global corporate culture from a purely profit driven enterprise, owing the greatest return to shareholders, toward a more responsible business model that cares also for its impacts on workers, on the environment and on the culture we live in. Frankly, we expect corporations accept not only their financial responsibilities but also their responsibility to contribute to the common good of a society.

In addition to shareholder advocacy mentioned above, this month the Congregation's Impact Investing team will be meeting to make decisions about investments we can move from the typical for-profit corporations to other often emerging firms that offer hope for positive impacts on the environment, on the lives of workers while contributing to the common good. Hopefully next month we will be able to report on some decisions that were made.

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## Food and Farm Bill, 2023



The focus of the *Laudato Si' Simple Living Group* has been on food and we have learned that there is so much more to this issue than merely ensuring that all have access to adequate nutrition. There's the reality that not all have access to local places where one can purchase healthy food, nor do they have the adequate financial resources to purchase enough for their families. There is the negative impact some aspects of "mega-farming" have on the environment. There is the reality of unsafe living and working conditions that many who harvest our food must deal with. And then there is the reality of Climate Change and its impact on temperature, weather conditions, and land usage. Look for example at the record-breaking snowfall in Southern California, followed by record rains on farmlands that are now unusable, but had been the primary source of strawberries in our country. And don't forget that areas' farmworkers who have now been driven from their homes, with all their belongings in their cars, but with a single \$600 disaster relief check from the federal government – where do they go next?

So yes, while many are involved with local food pantries and food banks to help to address some immediate local needs; and try to support their local small farmers by shopping at local Farmers Markets or buying from them directly by subscribing to their CSA (Community Supported Agriculture); and even participate in programs that support migrant farm workers through literacy and other needs; there is one very important action we all can take – **to reach out to our lawmakers in Congress to pass the strongest Farm Bill as possible!** Every five years, Congress reviews and renews the Farm Bill, and the current bill expires in September, so now is the time to write and send in those letters to ensure there is bipartisan support for this bill.

The Farm Bill addresses *Nutritional Needs* by reauthorizing the *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP*. What we used to refer to as "Food Stamps" provides monthly grocery assistance to 40 million people. During Covid, people were receiving more help, but recently this \$2.5 billion in help ended, at a time when food prices continue to be high. We need to tell Congress to permanently expand SNAP to help families and seniors facing hunger, as well as fund the *Commodity Supplemental Food Program – CSFP* which sends boxes of nutritious foods to seniors to help them stay healthy and active. We also need Congress to continue to fund the *Emergency Food Assistance Program – TEFAP* which provides food from American farms to food banks, so they are more able to handle the demands placed on this food source by so many.

But the 2023 Farm Bill contains more since it addresses not only nutrition, but also **forestry management, rural development, renewable energy and so much more.** As the USCCB put it: "*The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRLC), Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) have worked closely to support policies in the Farm Bill that support rural communities and family farms; strengthen and expand domestic anti-hunger programs; promote conservation and good stewardship of the land; ensure safe living and working conditions for farmworkers; promote fairness for farmers in developing countries; and provide food security aid efficiently and effectively to hunger people worldwide.*"

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The CSJP Simple Living Laudato Si' team will be starting a review of *Choices for Sustainable Living* produced by the Northwest Earth Institute. Anyone interested in joining this group is welcome to contact Annie Welch, CSJP-A (West) the group leader or Eileen McCann, CSJP-A (East), secretary, or Monica Purdue, CSJP-A in the UK to find out more about the group and its direction. The group usually meets by zoom on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern time and 6 PM in the UK.

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## Sustainable Living with Waterspirit Wednesdays



April 5 at 6 p.m.: WILD In The Garden State film screening  
Are you ready for a water-smart yard? Watch this award-winning film about turning a New Jersey yard into a flourishing native plant paradise. FREE event - RSVP requested.

April 12 at 6 p.m.: Eco-Art Workshop  
Get plastics out of our waterways! Turn trash into treasure under the guidance of the terrifically talented Lisa Bagwell. Space is limited, so RSVP today!

April 19 at 6 p.m.: Upcycled Sewing Skill-Share  
Do you know how much water goes into making textiles? Learn more while turning designer fabric scraps into usable, take-home goods.

April 26 at 6 p.m.: Aquatic Animals of Monmouth County  
Join Miss Anne to learn about the amazing animals that share our shores.

Sign up by clicking on the names above or at the links on our [Events Calendar](#).

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## Earth Day Preparation by Washington Power and Light

I'm writing to ensure you have had your chance to download [Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week organizer kit](#)! This annual program contains climate-themed worship services and activities that take place over 10 days in April, around Earth Day.

Though Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light (WAIPL) is part of the Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) network, we do not put on the Faith Climate Action Week program, we simply uplift and share the work that [National Interfaith Power & Light](#) does so that you too, can continue with the excellent work that you do!

Faith Climate Action Week 2023 is April 14 - 23, 2023 and the theme is "**Living the Golden Rule: Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy.**" Participants will examine the intersection of transitioning to clean energy and the fall of faith to find solutions that safeguard our common home and individuals.

Interfaith Power & Light offers a themed organizer's kit for Faith Climate Action Week every year to support your efforts around Earth Day to engage your congregation in caring for Creation.

The resources in the kit will prepare organizers to lead faith-based discussions and actions within your home congregation to safeguard thriving communities on Earth and protect the Earth itself and includes an action guide with information on the faithful call to care for our neighbors by ensuring a just transition to a clean energy economy, where the well-being of workers and frontline community members are prioritized.

There is also an updated climate change fact sheet, faith-based discussion materials, including a colorful multifaith Golden Rule poster, and suggestions and resources for how to engage in supporting local action.

Faith Climate Action Week 2023 online offerings include resources for sermons, talks, worship services, a film screening kit for the 2023 featured film, and more.

[Click here to download the kit](#) and let's celebrate Faith Climate Action Week and Earth Day by building momentum behind a just transition to a clean energy economy!

## Meditation for Earth



Please join Waterspirit every Tuesday at 12:15 PM for a "Meditation for Earth." We read a short blessing, followed by an excerpt from Hal Borland's '12 moons of the Year'. Then we lead a simple meditation followed with silence, for a flourishing Earth. The meditation and silence is approximately 30 minutes.

There are two ways to meditate with us: In-person in the Sanctuary at the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson. 4 East River Road, Rumson, NJ. Or Online on our YouTube channel. No matter where you are in the world, you can join us as we meditate for our Earth!

[Find the Meditation on the Waterspirit YouTube Channel.](#)

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### Prayer- translated by Lakota Sioux Chief Yellow Lark in 1887

*Oh, Great Spirit,*

*Whose voice I hear in the winds  
and whose breath gives life to all the world.*

*Hear me! I need your strength and wisdom.*

*Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes  
ever hold the red and purple sunset.*

*Make my hands respect the things you have made  
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.*

*Make me wise so that I may understand  
the things you have taught my people.*

*Let me learn the lessons you have hidden  
in every leaf and rock.*

*Help me remain calm and strong in the  
face of all that comes towards me.*



*Help me find compassion without  
empathy overwhelming me.  
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,  
but to fight my greatest enemy: myself.  
Make me always ready to come to you  
with clean hands and straight eyes.  
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,  
my spirit may come to you without shame.*

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## **NETWORK Campaign to Protect Medicaid, housing and supplemental food funding**

Throughout the Lenten Scriptures, we are reminded over and over again that everything Jesus touches is radically and forever transformed. As we contemplate the depths of the Paschal Mystery this week, the unjust suffering and death of Jesus at the hands of the state, we see that transformation can still break into the systems and structures of our politics. But this will not happen automatically; it will require deep, persistent, and sometimes difficult work.

This means being present to those of us most held down by our systems and structures. The state unjustly forced the cross onto the back of Jesus, but we cannot stand by and allow Congress to balance the federal budget on the backs of people, especially Black and Brown communities, who struggle in the face of our unjust economy. But human suffering does not have the last word.

I invite you to join in our [Thriving Communities Campaign](#) and come together with justice-seekers across the country to call on Congress to reject cuts to Medicaid, housing, and nutrition programs, so that all may flourish. The image of the Risen Lord at Easter is one of vibrant transformation. I invite you to [read the rest of my reflection on transforming our politics through justice](#). Then, take action by joining the [Thriving Communities Campaign](#) to demand a moral budget that works for the common good by funding Medicaid, housing, and nutrition programs.

Triduum and Easter Blessings to you and your loved ones.  
In solidarity,

Mary J. Novak, Executive Director

[View the video of the campaign launched last week.](#)

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## April International Days

- 02 Apr [World Autism Awareness Day \(A/RES/62/139\)](#)
- 04 Apr [International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action \(A/RES/60/97\)](#)
- 05 Apr [International Day of Conscience \(A/RES/73/329\)](#)
- 06 Apr [International Day of Sport for Development and Peace \(A/RES/67/296\)](#)
- 07 Apr [World Health Day \(WHA/A.2/Res.35\)](#)
- 07 Apr [International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda \(A/RES/58/234\)](#)
- 12 Apr [International Day of Human Space Flight \(A/RES/65/271\)](#)
- 14 Apr [World Chagas Disease Day \[WHO\]](#)
- 20 Apr [Chinese Language Day](#)
- 21 Apr [World Creativity and Innovation Day \(A/RES/71/284\)](#)
- 22 Apr [International Mother Earth Day \(A/RES/63/278\)](#)
- 23 Apr [World Book and Copyright Day \[UNESCO\] \(UNESCO 28 C/Resolution 3.18\)](#)
- 23 Apr [English Language Day](#)
- 23 Apr [Spanish Language Day](#)
- 24 Apr [World Immunization Week, 24-30 April \[WHO\]](#)
- 24 Apr [International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace \(A/RES/73/127\)](#)
- 25 Apr [World Malaria Day \[WHO\]](#)
- 25 Apr [International Delegate's Day \(A/RES/73/286\)](#)
- 26 Apr [International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day \(A/RES/71/125\)](#)
- 26 Apr [World Intellectual Property Day \[WIPO\]](#)
- 28 Apr [International Girls in ICT Day \[ITU\]](#)
- 28 Apr [World Day for Safety and Health at Work](#)
- 30 Apr [International Jazz Day \(UNESCO 36 C/Resolution 39\)](#)

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