

**Saint Mark's Cathedral Creation Care
Ministry - Meeting Notes**

6:30 pm April 19, 2022 via Zoom



Members Present: Judy Andrews, CJ Beegle-Krause, Libby Carr, Wayne Duncan, Richard Hartung, Norman LeMoine, Emily Meeks, Kathy Minsch, Ruth Mulligan, Marjorie Ringness, Doug Thorpe, Carolyn White, Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Canon Wendy Claire Barrie. The meeting opened with the land acknowledgement and then a prayer offered by Wendy.

Peter Boome art exhibit – April 24 – Wayne gave an update of the details for this event. The art was installed on April 18, and several remarked about how inspiring the artwork is. Everyone is encouraged to attend the forum with the artist at 10:10am and also the reception following the 11am service. The art will be up until June 5, which fortunately will include Cathedral Day on May 7. <https://saintmarks.org/2022/03/art-by-coast-salish-artist-peter-boome-on-exhibit-in-the-cathedral-nave/>

Our Blue Planet: Global Visions of Water at Seattle Art Museum - Emily and Wayne shared an upcoming opportunity for visiting this [new exhibit](#) at the Seattle Art Museum on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. The exhibit explores connections with water through art and has art from Indigenous artists. After viewing the exhibit, we will gather at SAM's cafe, MARKET, for conversation. It is recommended to [purchase tickets](#) in advance for the 10 a.m. viewing. Email Wayne or Emily if you are interested in attending the event so that we can know who to expect. *Update:* There was a question about whether special exhibits are covered by a membership. This has been confirmed that a [membership](#) now covers unlimited free admission to special exhibits (unless otherwise noted that a surcharge is applicable). If purchasing online, log in to your SAM account to confirm membership pricing.

Cathedral Day – Saturday, May 7 Wendy reported on the planned activities for the day, with the theme “Returning to our Roots.” There is a strong Creation Care and gardening focus. After the morning liturgy, there will be a workshop about gardening and bees led by Brian Sellers Peterson and a prayer walk led by Jerusalem Greer of The Episcopal Church’s Good News Gardens. Wendy asked for input, which resulted in a plan for our Creation Care Ministry to have at least one table to share information, including 1.) how to become a climate change activist materials from Libby, 2.) getting signed up on the carbon tracker, 3.) Green Buildings Now, 4.) upcoming fashion forum on May 11, 5.) a list of facility improvements. We are encouraged to gather pictures, banners, and flowers for the tables. Lots more information here: <https://saintmarks.org/about/cathedral-day/>

Wendy also reported she is involved in developing **outdoor neighborhood eucharists**, to be held throughout the summer, culminating with the feast of St. Francis in the fall. More to come on this soon.

Carbon Reduction Actions Group - report from Richard Hartung. This group meets monthly on second Wednesdays 3-4 pm on Zoom and any are welcome to join the discussion. They are developing *a series of climate conversations* to take place monthly on zoom with the theme “What you can do about...” various topics. The plan is to begin with Food, then Energy, Water, how to use the Carbon Tracker and Transportation in subsequent months. If this series is accepted into the Cathedral Calendar for first Tuesday evenings, these monthly conversations will begin in June. There was discussion about some of the subjects perhaps being especially appropriate for families to discuss together. Wendy suggested that, rather than expecting families to participate in these zoom meetings, we consider sharing creation care materials and information at family events and perhaps as part of the upcoming neighborhood eucharists. The group also talked about asking to have *information about the carbon tracker included in new member packets*. They are also very happy with the [Creation Care video message](#) from Dean Thomason, which this group had asked the Dean to do. We are also asked again to each of us *ask one person* to join the carbon tracker at www.sustainislandhome.org.

Made in Faith: Clothing and Sustainability – Wednesday, May 11 (6:45 - 8:15 pm via [Zoom](#) or in Bloedel Hall)– Emily and Richard reported that plans for this forum are progressing. Learn more [here](#) and consider coming and inviting a friend.

Leffler Garden – Marjorie reported that several people met at the garden a few weeks ago to make plans for the garden. And a smaller group helped spread compost – generously donated by the Gardening Ministry - more recently. Carolyn suggested that we do something in conjunction with the Mid East Focus Ministry to highlight the flourishing olive tree that the group planted in the Leffler Garden several years ago. Keiko, who has tended the garden the last 2 years, believes the installation of a drip irrigation system is really important for the garden to be successful. Tyler Morse has volunteered to design a minimal watering system and feels that \$250 would likely cover the cost. Those in attendance at our Creation Care Ministry meeting approved using up to \$250 of our Creation Care 2022 budget for this purpose. Norman also volunteered to help with the installation of an irrigation system. There will be another garden work party on May 1. The Garden will be the location of at least one workshop on Cathedral Day May 7.

Creation Care Library – Doug reported that the Mid East Focus Ministry moved a collection of books last week from a closet to the former stage area in Bloedel Hall, which is now a small meeting area. The collection was mostly books relating to the Mid East Focus Ministry but also Creation Care books. Liz Gruchala-Gilbert is working with the group to design a plan for how these books can be borrowed.

Upcoming Events related to Creation Care:

- April 16-22 – Diocesan hosted viewing of film *The Story of Plastic* with panel discussion on April 22. Register [here](#).

- Friday/Saturday, April 22-23 – Workshop with theologian and author Belden Lane. Register [here](#).
- Sunday, April 24, 10:10am – Creation Care Forum with artist Peter Boome. See link above.
- Sunday, April 24, 2:30pm - Intergenerational Hike. <https://saintmarks.org/2022/04/intergenerational-hike-at-discovery-park/>
- Sunday, May 1, 12:15 – Leffler Garden Work Party
- Saturday, May 7 – Cathedral Day. See link above.
- Sunday, May 8, 10:10am – “Friends Talking” – A conversation with Dean Thomason and Jerusalem Greer <https://saintmarks.org/2022/04/jerusalem-greer-visiting-and-preaching-at-saint-marks/>
- Wednesday May 11, 6:45-8:15pm – Clothing and Sustainability Forum with Clara Berg. <https://saintmarks.org/2022/03/made-in-faith-forum-on-clothing-and-sustainability/>

Mutual Ministry Goals – We spent a few minutes reflecting on how this meeting touched on St. Mark’s Mutual Ministry Goals.

Closing prayer offered by Carolyn.

Next meeting is Tuesday evening, May 17, 6:30- 8:15 via zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005786111?pwd=OUhyZG9UV1BUZ09ESStOSVJMVWFPUT09>

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