

# Community Assembly

## 9 May 2020

### Earth: Our Common Home

- 8:30 am Gathering, feel free to talk with others as you gather
- 8:50 am Brief orientation to Zoom, note this meeting will be recorded
- 9:00 am Welcome and Song
- 9:05 am Presentation: Grounding for proposed Province Environmental Sustainability Plan; Mission, vision and underpinning principles
- 9:15 am First Breakout Session (*10 minutes*)
- Moving through extraordinary times together, the Spirit has been moving us, toward what?
  - In light of our current situation, which underpinning principles help or challenge us?
  - Where has our interdependence with all in the Earth community been part of our awareness?
- 9:30 am Presentation: Current environmental practices and proposed priority areas for sustainability
- 9:50 am Second Breakout Session (*10 minutes*)
- What would an ecological conversion look like in our community?
  - Discuss the three priority areas and offer suggestions and affirmations
    - Carbon Reduction & Neutrality
    - Zero Waste
    - Education & Advocacy
- 10:05 am Reporting from groups through one reporter (please raise your hand)
- 10:20 am Presentation: Moving into Action
- 10:27 am Closing Song

CSJ Mission  
Moving always  
toward the  
profound love of  
God and love of  
neighbor without  
distinction.

CSJ Chapter 2019

Commitment

To respond to the crisis of  
Earth and global warming.

We will:

- Make all decisions through  
the lens of unifying love,
- Expand and deepen our  
partnerships
- Implement Laudato Si'

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is a sacred trust given to  
the whole Earth  
Community. (Ch. '13)

We believe our mission calls us  
to informed action for justice for  
the whole Earth community.  
(Ch. '13)

We believe in the  
interdependence of humanity  
and nature in the whole Earth  
community and recognize our  
harmful impact.  
(Ch. '13)

We believe the ecological crisis is  
also a summons to profound  
interior conversion...not an optional  
or secondary aspect of our  
Christian experience. (LS no. .205)

We believe there is a need for  
awareness of our common origin, of  
our mutual belonging, and of a  
future to be shared with everyone  
(LS no. .210)

We believe that ideas for genuine  
ecological education revolve  
around solidarity, responsibility,  
and compassionate care. (LS no.  
210)

**Environmental  
Sustainability**

**Vision**

**Bring about a major cultural change through  
an ecological conversion.**

from CSJ Chapter 2013 and Laudato Si'- On Care for our  
Common Home

**Sisters of St. Joseph of  
Carondelet: St. Paul Province**

# PRIORITY AREAS & KEY IMPACTS

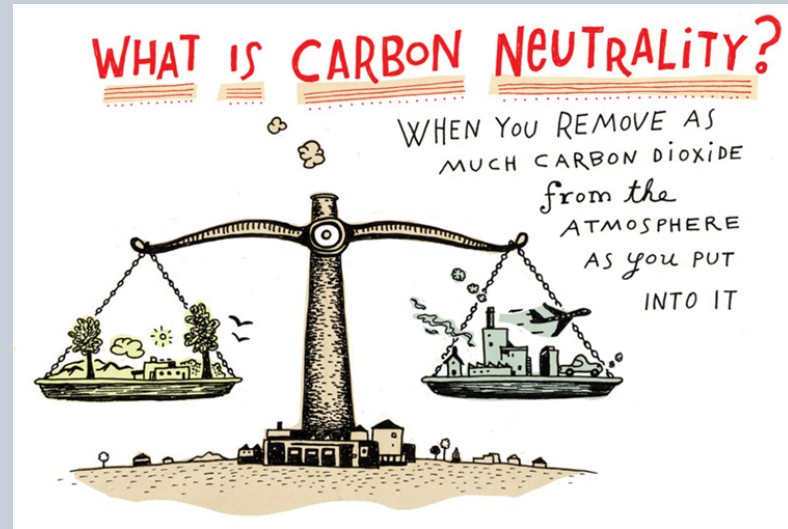
## 1) Carbon Reduction and Neutrality

### *Key Impacts*

Reduce energy and water use when possible.

Reduce travel when possible.

Grow plants.



## 2) Zero Waste

### *Key Impacts*

Food recovery and redistribution.

Reduce single-use plastics.

Increase composting.

Rethink purchases.



## 3) Education/Advocacy

### *Key Impacts*

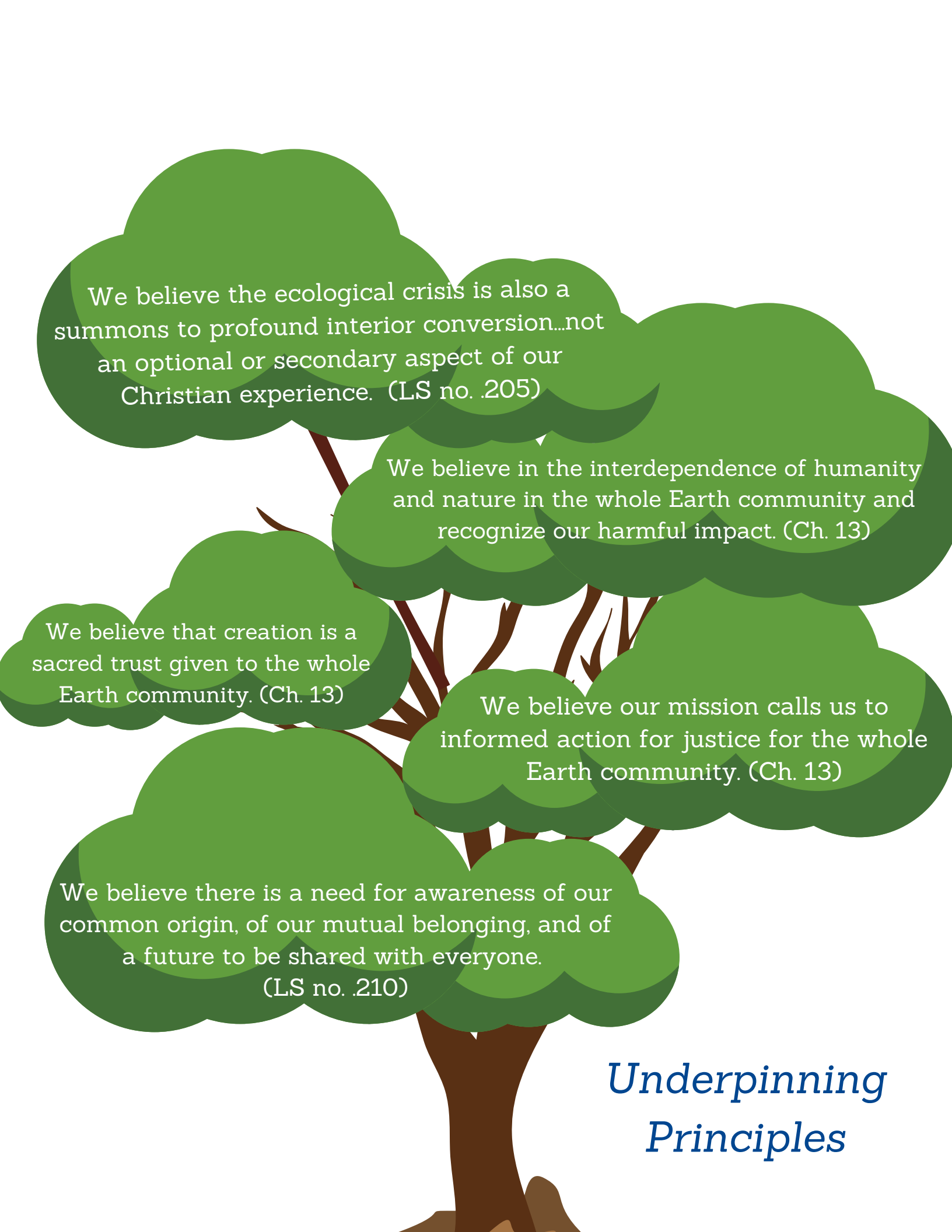
Partner with environmental sustainability organizations.

Practice Advocacy.

Attend CSJ programming and Justice Working Groups.

Green burials.





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*Underpinning  
Principles*

## Breakout Room Questions

### First Breakout

1. Moving through extraordinary times together, the Spirit has been moving us, toward what?
2. In light of our current situation, which underpinning principles help or challenge us?
3. Where has our interdependence with all in the Earth community been part of our awareness?

### Second Breakout

1. What would an ecological conversion look like in our community?
2. Discuss the three priority areas listed below. Please offer suggestions/affirmations.
  - Carbon Reduction & Neutrality
  - Zero Waste
  - Education & Advocacy

## St. Kate's/CSJ Food Shelf Donations

Currently, the best way to donate food is to make a financial contribution as we are able to purchase five dollars of food for every dollar donated through our partnership with Second Harvest Heartland. You can use the following link <https://ssl.charityweb.net/stkate/>

When you complete the form you will see a drop down to designate the fund where you wish your gift to be applied.

Select "Other" and then you can note that you wish your gift to go to Food Shelf - Center for Spirituality and Social Justice

Questions can be directed to Bobbi Helmers at [foodshelf@stkate.edu](mailto:foodshelf@stkate.edu)

Thank you!

Jennifer Tacheny and the Food Shelf Team