

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES 2020

COMMUNITY OF ALL CREATION

Worship & Liturgy

Hymns: UMH 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness
UMH 148 Many and Great, O God

Scripture: Genesis 2:7-15
Psalm 148
Matthew 6:26-30



Sermon Starters:

We should recognize our role as part of the whole of creation and place in the interconnected web of life. Use the quote of John Wesley to explore Wesley's understanding of God's relationship with all of creation as Author and Source.

Reflect on Jesus' words that the just as God ensures the lilies of the field and the birds of the air are fed and clothed, how much more will God provide for human beings.

We must be responsible stewards of all that God has provided. Consider how human activity is responsible for climate change. Reflect how climate change disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, including indigenous tribes, people living in poverty, and other vulnerable groups.

Pray for the restoration of balance to the natural world and for right relationship between humanity and rest of God's creation. (Isaiah 11: 6).



Teaching

Environmental racism is defined as "practices and behaviors that condemn impoverished communities and developing countries to bear the brunt of hazardous environments, industrial pollution, toxic waste dumps and urban decay." Where in your community are trash and hazardous waste sites located? Who is most impacted?

Watch the [Act of Repentance](#) talk by Rev. George Tinker of the Osage Nation at the 2012 General Conference. What values are named? How are they related to the principles named in the Community of All Creation?

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Advocacy

Conduct an environmental audit of your congregation. With the [Interfaith Power and Light](#) toolkit, explore how to reduce your congregation's carbon footprint.



Your Response

Share the Good News for the **TRANSFORMATION** of the world...

Reach out decision makers on the environmental issues you care most about.

Evaluate your own consumption habits and find ways to use more reusable and recycled resources, like reusable shopping bags. Find ways to lower your carbon footprint and conserve energy.

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