

## **Creation Care Ministry**

The Creation Care Ministry fully formed its commission in the spring of this year. Comprised of 8 people from across the diocese, our focus for “CCM” during the season of covid was to “beat the drum” for creation care as an important ministry in the life of the diocese. We wanted to educate diocesan people on the three-fold focus of formation, conservation, and advocacy as articulated by the national church.

To that purpose, we have a weekly feature in iSeek, supplying the parishes and missions of the diocese resources relative to the theology and liturgies of creation care, helping form the members of our parishes and create lively, affirming worship with the care of the Creator’s world as a focus of our prayer life. We also have a live page in the diocese website.

We look forward to the opportunity to gather in person for seminars, mini-retreats, and “holy hikes” (locally-designed “caminos”) across the diocese when covid finally permits. Until that time, we are inaugurating a “movie club” of curated films dealing with issues relative to creation care and hold discussions regarding same on zoom, starting in October. Featured speakers for webinars are scheduled for early 2022.

To assist in advocacy, we have joined Interfaith Power and Light, an ecumenical advocacy organization. The largest faith-based environmental advocacy organization in the US, it has state organizations in 40 states, with 22,000 faith communities, comprising 6.4M members. The MO organization has been in existence for 20 years, and we will lend our voice to lobbying for the planet from Jefferson City to local municipalities.

These are some of the highlights of the initial efforts of CCM. Many local ministries developed independently by parishes are flourishing in the Diocese of Missouri, and we hope to be a network for them all as we grow our ministry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the members of the commission, who are found on our web page. Thank you.

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