

Eco-Theology/ Eco-Justice/ Eco-Reformation Resource Guide for the Care of Creation

April, 2022

What's New?

Begin with a poem...

Light

which left the Pleiades
2000 years ago
arrived just when
a Mayan's eye
peered upwards
through the stone shaft
of the Temple of the Jaguar Sun.

Other rays

began their earthward journey
before I even existed
to meet my eye
in the expanse of arctic sky
after Vigils.

Grace

sets out from God
before I need it
rushes light-years toward me
meets me the very moment I fall.

When it arrives
I am there.

Sr. Sheryl Frances Chen, OSCO, The Cistercian Nuns of Tautra Mariakloster, *Northern Light* (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2020, xv.

Canada's Commitment to Climate Change - Announcements, Commitments and Timeline

January 5 Interfaith Vigil on the eve of January 6, Epiphany, and the first anniversary of the January 6 Washington DC Insurrection. This was sponsored by Franciscan Action Network. Presentations were made by representatives of Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions. The following link was posted January 6 and contains links to print forms of the various presentations [Healing the Wound: An Interfaith Vigil - Franciscan Action Network](#), and a link to a recording of the vigil video, <https://youtu.be/E3FKT-BZnyQ>. The content is exceptional.

What will you do in 2022 to care for creation?

As part of your New Year's resolutions, consider some ways to improve yourself while caring for God's creation:

1. Volunteer: find one day a week (or month) to give your time in service to those who need it most.
2. Exercise more and balance your diet with vegetables: you'll help the environment by biking and walking and cutting out meat at least once a week.
3. Create a weekly routine of prayer in nature: so you don't forget it, better to schedule it. Schedule a "meeting with God and creation" every week.
4. Connect with others: don't let your obligations make you neglect your bonds with family and friends.
5. Become the person God wants you to be: take time to discern your vocation and the right path of God's plan for your life.

Blessed beginning of the year,
Tomás Insua, Executive Director, Laudato Si' Movement

Post COP26

Brazilian Bishop: Our planet "is in intensive care," but COP26 delayed treatment

By Luis Miguel Modino, Earth Beat, January 5, 2022. A shortened report of an interview with retired bishop Erwin Krautler of Xingu, Brazil after COP 26. [Brazil bishop: Our planet 'is in intensive care,' but COP26 delayed treatment | Earthbeat | National Catholic Reporter \(ncronline.org\)](#)

Newly Added Books:

Brene Brown, Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience,(New York: Random House), 2021.

Ilia Delio, **Making All Things New: Catholicity, Cosmology, Consciousness**, (Maryknoll, N.Y, Orbis Books), 2015

Ilia Delio, **Re-Enchanting the Earth: Why AI Needs Religion**, (Maryknoll, N.Y, Orbis Books) 2020.

Robin Wall Kimmerer, **Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants**, (Minneapolis: Milkweed Editions), 2013.

Mallory McDuff, **Our Last Best Act: Planning for the End of Our Lives to Protect the People and Places We Love**, (Minneapolis: Broadleaf Books) 2021.

Bill McKibbin, **Fight Global Warming Now: The Handbook for Taking Action in Your Community**, (New York: Henry Holt & Co.) 2007.

Suzanne Simard, **Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest**, (Toronto: Penguin Random House Canada), 2021.

A New Website to watch....

Nature Conservancy Canada.... Listing of recorded webinars [NCC: Virtual Events \(natureconservancy.ca\)](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/ncc-virtual-events)
Nature Conservancy Canada Homepage... [NCC: Nature Conservancy of Canada](https://www.natureconservancy.ca)

A New Partner....

Franciscan Action Network Downloadable resources for the Franciscan Justice Circles

[Resources - Franciscan Action Network](#)

Another New Partner.... Lutherans Restoring Creation – See what pastors and congregations in the ELCA are doing with Creation Care. [Lutherans Restoring Creation – Welcome to Lutherans Restoring Creation!](#)

This network gathers for monthly conversations on-line. An archive of recordings is available as well. You might be interested in some of the following:

An 8th grade “scientist” discusses Western science, indigenous knowledge and Christian faith – particularly the use Indigenous use of water plants as disinfectant [Connections Calls: Ways of Knowing - Western Science, Indigenous Knowledge & Christian Faith – Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)

Or... **A webinar for Congregations making a Covenant with Creation** [Intro Webinar for Congregations Making a Covenant with Creation – Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)

Or... **How Church Soil Can Feed the Community** [Connections Call: How Church Soil Can Feed the Community – Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)

Or... **How to bring up climate change in church** [How do you bring up climate change in church? – Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)

Or... **Native Land Acknowledgement: Process to Heal, Steps to Restore** [Native Land Acknowledgment: Processes to Heal, Steps to Restore – Lutherans Restoring Creation](#) with additional links to topics like Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery, Reparations, Who are earthkeepers where you live? Testimonials from Indigenous voices

Grist adds FIX

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New Topics in the Table of Contents...

Additions to the Report of the IPCC

Earth Day 2022

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, books recommended by Sari Fordham for local book studies

Food Sustainability – a discussion starter

Green Funerals

Under Health/Mental Health – Eco-Anxiety: the Emotional Impact of Climate Change;

also Moral Injury

Under Indigenous People – a link to a video on the Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts

Rights- Does Nature Have Rights?

Science for the Church

UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration

Water Stewardship

Wild Church

Wildfires

Enjoy!

Rev. Dr. David Saude, Curator