

Stewardship of the Environment Commission
Report to the LIC Annual Assembly, March 2, 2020

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Due to the untimely death of my husband, Rev. Richard Krajewski, my time and energy has been focused on his illness and subsequent passing. There are some activities to report:

Unitarian Universalist Social Committee

- ~- National Board visit to the lower coastal region for a learning exchange.
- ~ Climate, Resettlement and adaptation gathering- hosting participants from coastal Alaska and coastal Louisiana- Environmental advocates - resources

National Geographic Photo Camp- youth telling their stories of environmental challenges and stewardship. November 2019 link: www.lowlandercenter.org

The Heinrich Boell Foundation - February 27th and 28th, 2020

The Heinrich Boell Foundation is a German foundation, and an independent think tank on policy topics such as green economy, climate & energy policy, and social & migration policy, their mission is democratic participation. Thursday the delegation was on the water in Pointe au Chien to experience and dialogue about the loss of the Delta. Friday, the group was in conversation with faith leaders and environmental stewards in greater New Orleans area.

Upcoming Events:

Climate and Justice and Creation Care Prayer Brunch- March 7, 2020, 12:00 – 1:30

Broadmoor Community Church- 2021 South Dupre St., New Orleans, LA 70125

Louisiana Folklore Society March 28, 2020, Nunu's Collective, 1510 Bayou Courtableau Hwy. ,
Arnaudville, LA 70512

Southeast Climate & Energy Network | 9311 NW 43rd Mnr, Sunrise, FL 33351

SCEN Convening in Jackson, Mississippi. - May 28-29, 2020!

New Zealand dialogues with the Episcopal Bishop and the Maori People – possibly in September, 2020, facilitated by Daniel Smith Christopher- Loyola- Marymount College.

Reiteration of my fall report:

After accepting the position, I met with Father Dan to discuss responsibilities and possibilities for the commission. I will be hold hearing sessions around the state to discern issues in all regions and establish regional working groups for the commission. We will gather faith- environmental statements from all the judicatories involved in the LIC for use for congregations. We will discover/record what denominations and congregations are currently doing around the state as well as what they would like to address. We will gather a list of environmental groups/organizations that congregations/communities are currently working with as well as compiling the above information and resources for the LIC and distribute for use by constituents. At the end of 2020 we would like to assemble a report on the emergent and on-going issues/concerns and directions from the various regions of the state and how we can address them as a faith community.

The first event was held in New Orleans on September 17, 2019, at St. George Episcopal Church. This group will reconvene in November with an educational tour of environmental issues in the lower Ninth Ward arranged by Pastor Morse. Between now and then, a list of interested clergy and laity will be developed as well as work that is being carried out in the greater New Orleans region.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Kristina J. Peterson, PhD