

## **An Episcopal Vision for Care of Creation: Week 3 – Call to the Loving Care of Creation**

We Episcopalians and our friends are transforming our concern for the environment into a concrete Pledge for the Care of Creation. In taking up the pledge, we are doing more than adding a signature to a petition; we will each name and take up a set of concrete actions specific to our own lives and callings. We will each reflect and make personal decisions about how God is calling us to be more **loving**, more **liberating** and more **life-giving** in our relationship with the whole of creation.

Reflecting on the **Loving** Care for Creation:

1. When have you felt overwhelmed with awe and wonder at Creation?
2. How do you understand yourself as part of nature? And how do you see yourself connected to it?
3. The writer of Job says animals, birds, plants and fish teach us about God. Recall a moment when an interaction with nature taught you about God as Creator and Giver of Life.
4. How do **you** show your love for God's creation on a daily basis? How do you protect it? Have you ever watched a Nature show on TV, that shows the depth of dependence of all species on us humans to correct the sin of climate change?
5. As you think back on your connection to the natural world, have you seen any of the places or things you love be damaged or limited because of human action? If so, what has changed? How have you felt about that loss?
6. What would you like to see happen for the good of the earth and nature in your community?
7. What could you or a group do to help protect the beauty and connectedness of all created life, as a way of loving God and following the way of Jesus?

That we may be Loving: We will share our stories of love and concern for the Earth and link with others who care about protecting the sacred web of life.