

Dear Friends,

We hope this message finds you, and yours well. Knowing that COVID-19 has affected the most vulnerable and that among them are our Senior citizens, we dedicate this Earth Day message to honoring them.

It has been our grandparents, great aunts and uncles, and other Seniors serving as teachers and leaders that have shared their wisdom on how to care for, and protect mother Earth.

Fifty years later, the Environmental Health and Justice movement has become a formidable force.

As early findings indicate, environmental factors and COVID-19 are intertwined with existing public health disparities. Sadly, we see that COVID-19 flourishes in areas with higher levels of air pollution, having a devastating toll on these already vulnerable communities.

May the COVID-19 crisis serve as an impetus to address our social inequities, and may celebrations like Earth Day continue to move environmental health and justice forward to assure health for all.

**Together We Can!**