CENTRAL REGION UPDATE, July 1.



We are working on updating the information on Central on the website. Our regional retreat with Sr. Mary Lovell is on members only section of our website. Our Spring Council meeting was held on May 29th via zoom. We heard reports from Finance, Formation, Regional Representative Report, and the Integral Ecology Working Group Report. We shared our Round Three input from our breakout rooms on our Integral Ecology effort. The Round Three question was "Where is the Holy Spirit leading us?" Below is the Round Three response.

Room 1:

- God asks us to be brave, do it in small and local ways. Don't be afraid. Be the leaven.
- Be proactive in all contact.
- Love with Action.
- Go deeper. But collaboration and communication will be necessary to light the candle.
- Keep the fire kindled.
- Love our planet more. Treasure it in your heart.
- Cast your nets deeper.

Room 2:

- Continue to support and collaborate within larger CLC.
- Continue to support and collaborate with the individual CAM missions.
- We are called to increase focus and unity on integral ecology.
- We are called to know the importance of integral ecology, supports as an individual, community, regional and national. Integral ecology should last – should not be short term goal, needs to be seen as long term. As part of creation, we should take care of the environment as we take care of our bodies. Essential that we look after God's creation, as we are connected.

We identified the common threads from Round Three:

- Some communities are already leaders. Other communities are generating energy in their thoughts and desires to do something.
- We do all that we do with love as CLCers.
- A call to love in action being proactive and going deeper in our commitment.
- collaboration, connection to creation, unity.
- Continue to support Integral Ecology with love
- deep desire to collaborate and support integral ecology.
- collaboration and support for each other so we can keep the fire of God's love burning.
- With love and bravery, go deeper and collaborate with others in supporting Integral Ecology.
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The Plenary session asked the following: "Looking back on where we've been, what has come out of the third round and considering what is most urgent. What do we want to do as a region in the next year?"

Judith De Witt's summary of the Plenary; There's a lot of energy, a desire to continue with Integral Ecology, we collaborate in a variety of projects, we communication through Integral Ecology Working
Group, we address measurable goals.

A video was shared: Pope Francis talk about Laudato Si year and the 7-year Laudato Si' Platform

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoxZAHVXQIg

Some messaging we received were…
We need a new approach.
A new way of living.
Look at issues as a whole.
Our irresponsibility is endangering our earth.
Adopt a simple lifestyle.
Bless our mission.
There are seven realities, families, parishes, schools, businesses, religious communities, industries, the whole world.

We are discerning a donation to Ministry of Mangoes in Haiti in lieu of the school in Dominican Republic. Our decision is to send them $3000 now. Our CAM will be evaluated in Oct at

assembly as it's 10 yrs. A community is concerned because of Pandemic on our finances. The God-Parenting Working Group will be approached for more information. We will follow up on the need for money. We need more detail from National because National is responsible for God-parenting Haiti CVX.

Information is regularly send round related to various environmental groups working to lower carbon emissions and protecting our water resources.

Central Region supports the "Water First" effort. Below is a recent update from the organization.

Hello Susan,

With the help of your donation, we've been able to work together with Indigenous communities to build local capacity through education, training, and meaningful collaboration. We are proud to partner with Indigenous communities to support dozens of young adults and school-aged youth pursue careers in water science. Ultimately ensuring safe, clean water for generations to come!

I would love to show you how your donation is making a difference in the lives of Indigenous youth here in Canada. Visit the news section of our website for the most recent update of our programs, subscribe to our quarterly newsletter, or keep up with us daily by following us on our social platforms: Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Thank you once again for your support of safe, clean water in Indigenous communities in Canada. I look forward to keeping you updated on how your contribution is supporting the communities that we work with.

You might be interested in the link below: Father Greg Kennedy's you Tube reflection on Integral Ecology.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znrb1krJ5dc&authuser=0

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