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Implementation of the Assembly Resolution 2019-2022 Suggested Process for Spring 2020 Regional Meetings

Note: This process was designed for a regional gathering. Please adapt for your team's conversation.

Over the course of the next three years, regions are encouraged to use the 2019-22 Assembly Resolution, to explore the intersection of racism, migration, and climate crisis; identify a local, regional, national, or global issue rooted in that intersection; examine its effects and explore its underlying causes; formulate a common response; and report on strategic initiatives taken in pursuit of justice.

We began at the fall regional meetings by inviting members to spend some contemplative time with the resolution, [*Creating Communion at the Intersection of Racism, Migration & Climate Crisis*](#), to explore its call to them personally, and to share their learnings with one another and with the Global Concerns Committee.

Responses from Fall 2019 Region Meetings

As we reflected on the responses received from the fall region meetings, we noticed a good deal of convergence around the following insights:

- Our increasingly polarized society is facing a moral crisis.
- Broken relationships lie at the heart of the matter.
- We must develop new ways of being in relationship with Earth and with each other.
- We long for the communion of all, with all.
- Authentic encounter and mutual collaboration are essential.

Objectives for Spring 2020 Region Meetings

- Re-center our reflection on the assembly resolution, [*Creating Communion at the Intersection of Racism, Migration, and Climate Crisis*](#);
- Engage in further contemplative conversation around our desire to create communion at the intersection of racism, forced migration, and the climate crisis; and
- Identify a focus for continued reflection and action.

During years two and three, regions will have time to explore the root causes of the chosen concern, formulate a common response(s) and take strategic action to effect change.

Process for Spring Meeting

1. Introduction (5 minutes)
 - a. Share the responses from the fall region meetings.
 - b. Share objectives for today's meeting.
2. Prayer (5 minutes).
3. Engage in further contemplative conversation about the intersection of racism, forced migration, and the climate crisis and our call to create communion.
 - a. Take some time to briefly discuss: (5 minutes)
 - Recall conversation you had your Fall 2019 regional meetings: What did you see at the intersection of racism, migration, and climate crisis?
 - Consider what could be: What would a safe and just world look like, one that provides equity and systemic justice, within Earth's capacity, for all humanity and other members of the Earth community?
 - b. In an eye-opening TED talk, Oxford economist Kate Raworth explains how we can move out of the "hole," where people are falling short on life's essentials, and create regenerative economies that work for the benefit of all within the planet's ecological limits. Raworth uses "donut economics" to analyze the root causes and effect systemic change in order to provide a just and safe home for all of God's creation. (30 minutes)

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- Take a minute to quietly examine Raworth's donut diagram, *Scientific and Social Boundaries for a Just and Safe Planetary Home* (included). Note in the third diagram, the four areas where planetary ecological boundaries are already on "overshoot." Note also that there are no areas where physiological, psychological, and social basic human needs are being universally met.
 - Show Raworth's Ted Talk, "[A Healthy Economy Should Be Designed to Thrive](#)." Here are a few questions to guide your viewing and to use for discussion.
 - What stirs within you as you reflect on her analysis?
 - Given our commitment to address injustice that lies at the intersection of racism, forced migration, and climate crisis, can you identify a few local, national, or global conditions where:
 - Specific ecological ceilings are threatened.
 - Specific unmet social foundations that are causing societal breakdown.
 - How is racism/white privilege endangering the wellbeing of individuals and the social fabric of the community?
 - Where is the right to migrate and the human rights of migrants under attack?
4. Invite participants into a conversation that leads to a regional commitment. (15 minutes)
- a. As you look at the social and ecological brokenness around you, what most touches your heart? Why?
 - b. What are you hearing? Are you hearing any convergence in the group?
 - c. Can you identify a focus or concern for your region's continued work around the implementation of the 2019-22 Assembly Resolution?
5. Formulate a brief statement expressing your hope for the regions' commitment to address the focus or concern you identified. (5 minutes)
- a. What concern do you plan to address in order to effect the social change you desire and to create the communion for which we long?
 - b. What will you need to do between now and your fall regional meeting if you are going to move your commitment forward?

At the Fall 2020 region meetings you will have time to revisit your commitment and consider more fully what actions you plan to take as a region to address the root cause(s) of injustice and create communion at the intersection of racism, migration, and climate crisis.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer
- [2019-2022 Assembly Resolution](#), *Creating Communion at the Intersection of Racism, Migration & Climate Crisis*
- Raworth's Diagram, *Scientific and Social Boundaries for a Just and Safe Planetary Home*
- Responses to be submitted Survey Monkey by April 23, 2020

Please have one person complete your Team's responses to questions on the [Spring 2020 Resolution Response Form](#) (included) and submit via Survey Monkey.