ECO-ACTION FOR THE WEEK

August 13, 2021 – Actions for Our Own Dear Planet

Importance of group actions: "... science, theology, psychology, ecology, cosmology, the arts and humanities ... tell us that the task of personal and collective transformation is so enormous that we need communities to hold us, to spark creative compassion and to sustain each other's energies and commitments." *Pauline Darby, SHCJ 6/24/20.* We experienced the power of groups while making the Retreat in Daily Life Together.

- Contact one or more others who have been participating in Eco-actions and compare your experiences. Consider incorporating eco-actions into the agendas of future meetings and prayer groups.
- Pray for group actions that will stop "ecocide" the unlawful or wanton acts
 committed with knowledge leading to severe and either widespread or long-term
 damage to the environment. Effects of these are already being suffered.
- **Participate** in actions recommended by SHCJ-related groups:
 - "Updates from the JPIC Coordinator" in Friday's SHCJ Newsnotes
 - The SHCJ Associates quarterly Newsletter: Care of Creation feature
 - The American Province's EcoSpirituality Group's Action Alerts: To be on the list, contact mdugan1952@gmail.com or mhamilton@shcj.org.
- Join a group that sends emails or texts to protect ecosystems and species. Among hundreds: The Interfaith Power and Light, Laudato Si' Movement, Union of Concerned Scientists, The Nature Conservatory, The Ocean Conservatory, <u>350.org</u>, Wild Earth Guardians, Friends of the Earth, The National Wildlife Federation Action Fund, World Wildlife Fund....
- Take action with the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) to reduce plastic at every stage of its lifecycle. Ask Secretary Antony Blinken to support a global plastic treaty: <u>Send a message today.</u>

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