

Office of Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation – January 2013 Update



GreenFaith: Interfaith Partners for the Environment. SCNY are involved through Sr. Carol DeAngelo, a GreenFaith Fellow since September 2011. GreenFaith's mission is to inspire, educate and mobilize people of diverse religious backgrounds for environmental leadership. From January 14 – 17, Carol joined with Fellows at Pendle Hill Quaker Retreat Center in a Sustainability Retreat to increase awareness of how individual lifestyle and consumerism in our culture impacts quality of life. Picture is of the green roof of

the Friends' Green Building in Philadelphia.

Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation Directors in the Sisters of Charity Federation participated in a January phone conference. As part of a Federation initiative, we hope to talk via phone on a regular basis and explore ways we can collaborate. Sisters Carol DeAngelo, Eileen Judge and Mary Ellen O'Boyle participated. We named issues we are involved in and identified two common issues: immigration and trafficking. We decided to first look at climate change and its impact on those living in poverty (realizing that climate change contributes to migration, human trafficking and poverty).

Climate Change / Poverty / Parish Life and Sustainability, Sandy has heightened our awareness of climate change. The Catholic Climate Covenant Initiative, out of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, invites us to see the connection between climate change, poverty and our lifestyle. With lay colleague, Susan Porcino, we are planning an April 21 workshop at Church of the Transfiguration in Tarrytown. More information will go out in March.

Endorsed January 15 PRAY-IN for the Climate in Washington, DC – (as an individual) www.interfaithactiononclimatechange.org Requested: refuse permits for Keystone XL tar sands pipeline; call National Summit Conference on Climate Change; Carbon free - help working families and poor and end subsidies to coal, oil and gas industries; and, subsidies for renewable energy.

Sisters of Charity Federation at the United Nations – Volunteers are needed to help with request from Sr. Cj Willi, NGO Representative, to survey how our city leaders are addressing climate change. Staff from LEFSA will be attending the February 14 *United for a Culture of Peace through Interfaith Harmony* ceremony at the UN.



PRAY-IN Against Fracking, Wednesday, February 6 at noon, at Governor Cuomo's Manhattan office, 633 Third Avenue – Sr. Carol connected Eric Weltman of Food & Water Watch with various faith leaders and prepared a statement to be read. Also signed on as an individual faith leader to New Yorkers Against Fracking. Consider coming to the PRAY-IN, especially if you live in Manhattan. Invite a faith leader to come to the PRAY-IN. Contact Eric Weltman at eweltman@fwwatch.org.

Spirituality and Sustainability– www.csjthewell.org is a great resource. Click on John Surette Homiletic Reflections to read homilies that integrate Scripture and God's Creation. For Lent you might want to visit www.lent45.org. *Carol DeAngelo, January 29, 2013*