



‘We are present in community, alongside other creatures, with whom we have more in common than what differentiates us, and from that stance we are present in community with the living and loving God and impelled to act ethically for the whole community.’

-Mary Tinney rsm



‘While there are many plights that can cause us unrest, one of the most common is the call to protect the earth.’

-Dominique Marendy

‘During wildfires, despite mass devastation to life, nutrients from the dead trees are returned to the soil... This is our call. To be present to Earth and be reborn from the ashes in ways that are inclusive and ensure the flourishing of Earth.’

-Colleen Swain



‘This is a wonderfully exciting time for a biologist, specifically a plant ecologist like me, who needs to be outside... Earth ‘creatures’ are re-awakening and new lives are emerging at an ever-increasing rate each day. Those of us who were trained to observe the world around us can't bear to be inside, away from our DNA kin.’

-Michael Gross



‘Hear the sound of the Conch Shell – a call for us to be still and attend to the Presence of Earth within and around us. Listen to the sound of your breath, The Earth is present. Look within us, The Earth is present. Listen to the sound of the sea, The Earth is present. Listen to the whispering sounds of the winds, The Earth is present. Listen to the birds singing, The Earth is present. Look...’

-Judith Moroney rsm, Paula Anamani rsm & Cheryl Connelly rsm

‘Earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love.’

(Ps 119:67)

“A 2020 Vision” (excerpt)

‘NOW is our jump time.

As we emerge from this strangely surreal time
The quality of our **presence to earth**
May well determine whether we earthlings
Make it through this jump time...
May we learn to communicate with
The consciousness of Earth
And all sentient beings.’

-Carmel Bracken rsm

‘Indigenous peoples who, while diverse in their lifestyles, in their cultures and in their spiritualities, all hold in common their interconnectedness with Earth.’

-Elizabeth Davis rsm



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