

The Creation Care Justice Network in the Episcopal Dioceses of Massachusetts: an introduction

The Creation Care Justice Network (CCJN) began in 2009 as a small group of Green Friends in the Diocese of MA, under the direction of Suffragan Bishop Bud Cederholm. In 2021 the Bishops of both Episcopal dioceses in MA wrote a letter to their congregations, urging them to faithfully respond to the "climate emergency." Supported by the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt Jonas, CCJN then produced a series of webinars to assist parishes as they sought to Pray, Learn, Act and Advocate in response to this letter. Following feedback from these webinars, CCJN began the process of developing what has now become An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice, which the Rev. Rachel Field now so ably oversees.

It is time for CCJN to re-vision its role and affiliate with the Path in a new way. The EcoRegion is emerging as the umbrella for all Creation Care activities in Province One, including the Path. We envision working with the Path and the EcoRegion as a network of parishes and individuals specifically focused on advocacy for Climate Justice within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at least for now.

Parishes who are officially enrolled in the Path would be invited to connect with us as they deepen their commitment to the pillar of advocacy. Other congregations and individuals would also be welcome. Our ministry could include regular columns to the Path's monthly newsletter about advocacy and public engagement in climate justice issues, as well as ad hoc communication about and invitations to advocacy opportunities.

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