QUESTION:
“Given the urgency and impact of climate change, how can we educate and inspire the people of ECCT to protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?”

DESCRIPTION OF WORK DONE & FINDINGS:
The group was enthusiastic and passionate about the actions they hoped to complete. A great deal of energy for finding solutions was palpable. The main focuses were on education and community awareness around climate issues. Varying levels of focus on structure were present at the parish, region, diocesan, and community level. Care of creation as a spiritual practice became important and the effects of climate change have a rippling effect to all. The group as a whole recognized that combatting climate change cannot done be alone and needs the cooperation of our communities. The final highlight was the ideas of how to harness the passion of the youth and children.

EXPERIMENT:
The group separated into three levels. One for education, one for parish work, and one for diocesan/community focuses. The liturgy group set a focus on earth day/week with a focus on gathering the community for “healing for the environment”. A possible discussion of a season of creation was discussed around St. Francis Day. The group has promised to meet together and discuss this pathway. The second group focused on changing parishes to less consumption which can be done through recycling and working with the bulletin. This group decided to meet again following convention and shared emails. The third group focuses on diocesan and community level. The hope would be for ECCT to sponsor an environmental summit at Camp Washington and the Cathedral. A steering community of youth would be required. This would be a way of leading to long term goal of conservation and clean energy.