

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

As we continue to deepen our understanding of the interconnectedness of all creation, it can sometimes be difficult to reflect on what is needed for the future.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious focused on the use of contemplative dialogue to deepen the journey into the future. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis emphasizes : " ... If we approach nature and the environment without openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously." (Paragraph 11)

"A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings ... (Par. 91) ...

"Moreover, when our hearts are authentically open to universal communion, this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one." (Par. 92)

Contemplative and reflective listening are one way to walk the path of deep and intense communion into the future. Are you aware that IPJC has a publication called *Contemplative Dialogue Circles*? You may find it helpful.

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