

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, September 14



Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

September 21 is the International Day of Peace. To readers who pray, reflect and take action, the connection between *Laudato Si* and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) is becoming more and more apparent. Also better understood is the connection of Pope Francis' encyclical, the SDG's and peace. How many wars have been fought over inequality of resources: not enough food, clean water, education, health care and more?

Here in the Northwest and around the globe, people are working for change. Multiple religious congregations and organizations belong to Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investing (NWCRI), which uses "faith-based shareholding to engage the world's largest corporations to transform corporate policies and practices to create a just and sustainable global community." (*NWCRI Annual Report 2016*)

One example is SDG # 6: *Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all*. Shareholder resolutions with corporations such as Tyson Chicken (huge water-pollution footprint from chicken manure); Coca-Cola, which was convinced by shareholders to not move forward "on the development of an \$81 million bottling plan in Southern India due to resistance from local farmers who cited concerns about strains on local groundwater supplies." (*NWCRI Annual Report 2016*)

There is much yet to be done and each person is invited to pray and reflect, then take action that is appropriate for you! What can I/we do on September 21 and other days to promote *Laudato Si*, the Sustainable Development Goals and peace in our world?

The NWCRI Annual Report and other resources can be found on the [Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center website](#). A song and video, *We Love the SDG's*, can be found [here](#).