

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

On the website for Earth Ministry can be found a copy of the letter written by Peace Lutheran Church of Seattle To Pope Francis, affirming his message in *Laudato Si'*.

They wrote a powerful, meaningful letter to Francis to acknowledge an exciting conversation when they invited members of other Christian congregations in the area to meet once a week for six weeks in order to discuss the encyclical. The encyclical to Peace Lutheran and their study groups represented a shift in tone and substance and their response was “YES, we hear your call”. You can read the letter for yourself if you go to the [website for Earth Ministry](#).

Another important statement is near the end of the letter, when they encourage cooperation in spite of current differences in theology and politics.

In *Laudato Si'*, Francis writes: “The majority of people living on our planet profess to be believers. This should spur religions to dialogue ... for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity.” (Par. 201)

In paragraph 202, he also writes: “Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging and of a future to be shared with everyone ... A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us”

Are you aware of faith groups other than your own and what they are doing in terms of action stimulated by the encyclical? Is it for us to reach out, to acknowledge our interconnectedness on many levels and to collaborate with others, even those of another faith background?

