

**Wednesday, June 6**

### Theme 1. Water Security For All

1. Enough Safe Water for All
  2. Integrated Sanitation for All
  3. Adapting to Change Managing Risk & Uncertainty for Resilience & Disaster Preparedness
  4. Infrastructure for sustainable water resource management & services
- \* Since recognition of Human Right to Water & Sanitation by the UN in 2010, focus has been placed on implementation measures to make that right a reality on the ground, as measured by quality, quantity, affordability and equity.

#### **Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee**

Water.

Imagine a day without access to water ... no coffee, no shower, no clean clothes, no working toilet, no ... no ... no ... you add what you are doing without because of a lack of water. What would you do about it? What could you do about lack of water?

Remember that 2.1 billion people live without adequate access to water. That is 2,100,000,000 human beings without safe drinking water. It has been said for years that lack of access to water would bring about wars and that is coming to pass with escalating violence in many countries. Being without adequate water supply is violence enough without the dangers of war being added to the lives.

“Baptism is our call to care for water”  
Global Sisters Report, April 9, 2018

According to the Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), Women suffer most because they are the ones who are responsible for feeding and taking care of the family. When water is scarce, women and children struggle all day to look for water far from their homes. An adequate supply of water is needed to grow food, good sanitation and for good health. According to GWA, a “ ... message for everyone: women, men, young and old is that we want to take care of the family. We don’t want them to suffer from drought, flood, hurricane, or any other natural disaster. But, to do so, we have to take care of the water, the soil, the whole environment.”

Gender and Water #3, (Pg 13)

“Efforts to attain sustainable development will only succeed if the needs of all water users are addressed. These include female-headed households (currently one-third of the world’s households), women farmers and those running small businesses ... Convenient access to water and sanitation would improve women’s health and would enable women and girls to take advantage of educational and training opportunities that can help them combat poverty.”

[\*Gender and Water Alliance Equity\*](#)