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### Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee

In her book, “A New Climate for Theology,” published 10 years ago, theologian Sally McFague writes: “It is critical... that theology be done within the contemporary scientific worldview; therefore, a careful reading of our empirical situation is the necessary beginning point.

“It is also important... for theology to attend to the specific task for which it is responsible: *theos-logia*, words about God. To many people, it is not obvious that theology has anything to do with issues such as climate change. Why should it?... Theology must deal with global warming because one of the basic marks of the church is its ecological catholicity, which must be lived out in a political context. In other words, Christian faith is concerned with a just and sustainable existence for all God’s creation.” (Pg 3)

“... Christian theology is the attempt to think about God and the world – Who God is and who we are – in light of what the tradition has claimed in the past and what we must say in the present. Every Christian is a theologian; each of us has a theology. That is, each of us has a picture, a set of assumptions, usually not conscious, of how we think God and the world are related. And all of us can and do express through our words and actions who we think God is and who we think we are. These unconscious or implicit theologies are very powerful. They control many of our decisions and actions; we rely on them as justification for what we do personally and as a nation. Theology matters.” (Pg 5)

If we haven’t already done so, is it time to look at our personal theologies and how they impact our lives and our interactions with all of creation? Would it make a difference if we do?

Reflect on it.