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## DISCERNMENT

*(From Listening to Action)*

### Return to the larger group

Return to the larger group. Each small group is invited to share briefly their "We" perspective, focusing on what they sense the Holy Spirit is inviting them to.

Together as a BEC, identify a simple "Move to Action," to help the Word take root in daily life.

For example:

- As individuals, to become more mindful of consumption and waste in daily living.
- As families, to adopt one simple habit that reduces harm to the environment.
- As a BEC, to support small ecological initiatives within the parish or neighbourhood.

### Intercessory Prayer

Facilitator invites all to voice short intentions, for example:

"Lord, help me to ..."

**Response:** "Lord, hear our prayer."

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer, the Glory Be, and the Sign of Peace.

### Closing Hymn:

An appropriate hymn may be sung or played



# BEC Reflection

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

*A People for Missionary Discipleship*

## MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE



We all share the same planet. Creation is not something separate from us, but the home we live in together. How we live, consume, and relate to creation affects not only the environment, but also one another and future generations.

The Church teaches that care for creation is part of our Christian calling. Creation is a gift entrusted to us, not something we own or exploit. When we forget this, relationships with creation, with others, and with God become distorted.

Ecological conversion invites us to renew our relationship with creation by adopting a simpler way of life. This does not mean doing everything perfectly but becoming more aware of how our daily choices either care for or harm our common home.

This month, we reflect on how our personal and communal lifestyles can express responsible stewardship and help restore harmony with creation.

## ENCOUNTERING

### Opening Hymn

Suggestion:

#### **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

*(tune: Beethoven’s Ode to Joy), or another familiar hymn of praise and gratitude for creation.*

### Opening Prayer

Creator God,  
You have entrusted the earth  
to our care  
and called us to live in  
harmony with all that You  
have made.  
Open our eyes to see creation  
as a gift,  
and our hearts to respond with  
gratitude and responsibility.

Teach us to live simply,  
to use what we need with care,  
and to respect the beauty and  
limits of our common home.  
May our choices reflect  
our love for You,  
for one another,  
and for future generations.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Pastoral Pathway

Restoring our common home begins with renewing our relationship with creation. Ecological conversion is not only about protecting nature, but about changing how we live. It calls us to reflect on our habits of consumption, waste, and convenience.

Adopting a simple lifestyle is an expression of stewardship. Simplicity helps us recognise what is truly necessary and frees us from excess. It invites us to use resources responsibly, reduce waste, and appreciate the gifts of creation without taking them for granted.

Caring for creation is a shared responsibility. Through small but consistent choices, families, BECs, and parish communities can contribute to healing our common home. In this way, ecological care becomes a concrete expression of faith lived in daily life.



## SCRIPTURE

### Romans 8:19–21

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

*Pause for a moment of prayerful silence to reflect on this text in light of our relationship with creation and our way of life.*

## DIALOGUING

### *(Conversation in the Spirit)*

*Question for Conversation in the Spirit:*

Considering our discussions on care for creation and the Scripture reading, how can we continue to care for our common home?

*Form small groups of 4 to 6 persons. Follow the three rounds of sharing. Keep one minute of silence between each sharing.*

**Round 1 – “I” Perspective** (Come prepared for a time of silence. All are invited to share but only once for less than two minutes. No commenting on the sharing of others)

- What resonated most with you? What is challenging for you? What inspired you?

*(Thank each person after their sharing and observe 1 minute of silence before the next person continues)*

**Round 2 – “You and I” Perspective**

*(Now participants are invited to respond to the sharing of another. Each person shares once, responding to something they heard another member share)*

*After hearing others:*

- What resonated most with you? What is challenging for you? What inspired you?

*(Thank each person after their sharing and observe 1 minute of silence before the next person continues)*

**Round 3 – “We” Perspective** (Now the facilitator or leader invites all to come to a common consensus or agreement on what was shared)

Facilitator may begin by saying...

- ...after listening to everyone, what is the Holy Spirit...

*(Thank each person after their sharing and observe 1 minute of silence before the next person continues)*