

Alverna Covenant

History

The Alverna Covenant was written by members of the Task Force on Christian Lifestyle and Ecology of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) while meeting at the Alverna Retreat Center, a Franciscan retreat in Indianapolis.



The name has added significance in that Alverna is named for Mt. Alverna in Italy, the mountain retreat given to Francis of Assisi. Francis is honored for his concern for and his recognition of the interconnectedness of all creation. The 800th

anniversary of Francis' birth was celebrated in 1981, the year the Alverna Covenant was first introduced at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Enter into the covenant

Once you or your congregation have decided to make the covenant, complete the pledge form on the reverse side of the form, detach it and return it to Disciple Home Missions (DHM).

More information

For more information on how you can be part of Disciples environmental efforts, visit the DHM Web site at www.discipleshomemissions.org or call toll-free at (888) 346-2631.

Please return this section to:



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Indianapolis, IN 46206

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Whereas

- God has created the world with finite resources.
- God has given to us the stewardship of the earth.
- God has established order through many natural cycles.

And it is evident that

- We are consuming resources at a rate that cannot be maintained.
- We are interrupting many natural life cycles.
- We are irresponsibly modifying the environment through consumption and pollution.
- We are populating the earth at a rate that cannot be maintained.

As a member of the human family and a follower of Jesus Christ, I hereby covenant that

- I will change my lifestyle to reduce my contribution to pollution.
- I will support recycling efforts.
- I will search for sustainable lifestyles.
- I will work for public policies which lead to a just and sustainable society.
- I will share these concerns with others and urge them to enter into this Covenant.

Signed: _____

I wish to enter into the Alverna Covenant.

Name/Congregation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____