



## **Dear Colleagues in Ministry:**

As Jesus says in Mark 12:30-31, there are no greater commandments than to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Disciples have a strong tradition of creating a more just world for others and future generations. Today, we are called to bring our leadership to a new moral challenge – climate change. Damage to our climate puts the health of our children and elderly at risk, hurts the poorest among us the most, and diminishes God's creation.

As followers of Christ, we can make a difference. We can engage others in known solutions that will create healthy and safe communities for our families, leave a thriving world for future generations, and protect God's creation. Disciples and Green Chalice ministries have partnered with Blessed Tomorrow to provide you with the enclosed "Faith in Action: A Church Toolkit for Creation Care." We invite you to use this kit to support your creation care leadership. It includes:

- Action Guide: Use this to reduce pollution, save money, and engage your congregation
- "Faith in Action" Statement: Add your church's name, frame and post this to share your commitment with others
- 3 "Faith in Action" Infographic: Post on your bulletin board to show why Disciples are making a difference
- 4 Sample Sermon and Scripture: Use these to inspire your sermons
- 5 Faith and Climate Communication Guidance: Read this for best communications practices on creation care and climate
- 6 "Faith in Action": A Church Website Example: Put creation care on your website using this example

Download a "Faith in Action" video to share with your congregation and sign up for a free webinar on May 23 to learn more at www.greenchalice.org. You will also find this toolkit online and welcome letters in French Canadian, French Creole, Spanish, and Korean.

Romans 8:19 says, "All of creation waits for the revealing of the children of God." We invite you to work with us to build healthy communities for our families and care for God's creation. We look forward to hearing from you.

God bless you and keep you,

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