

Minutes - CLC-USA's Integral Ecology Working Group

June 17, 2021

Quote Waste is a human design flaw. In nature, it doesn't exist — everything is food for life. –
FeraZero.com

- Attended: Carol Gonzalez; Henry Gonzalez; Suwan Kim; Ann Marie Brennan; Jeanne DeSimone Sieger; Joan Wood; Pat Carter
- Missed: Daniel P. Scheid (pray for his family in peace)

Opening Prayer by Suwan Kim (prayer from GCCM webinar for sustainable food system)

O God, Source and Giver of all things, who manifests Your infinite majesty,
power and goodness in the earth about us, we give You honor and glory.
For the sun and rain, for the manifold fruits of our fields,
for the increase of our herds and flocks we thank You.
For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace, we are grateful.
Supreme Lord of the harvest, graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil,
in union with Christ Your Son, as atonement for our sins,
for the growth of Your Church, for peace and charity in our homes, for salvation to all.

Key items for Conversation

1. **Composting**
2. Engaging Young Adults in CLC
3. KCLC NY ecology action frame
4. EcoJesuit Activities

References:

- GCCM Sustainable Food Systems, Food Justice and the effects of Climate Change webinar
<https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/sustainable-food-systems-food-justice-climate-change-and-its-impacts-agriculture>
- London Climate Action Week 2021 (26th June - 4th July)
2021<https://www.londonclimateactionweek.org>
- An Ecojesuit workshop series on COP26 and beyond:
<https://cop26.ecojesuit.com/2021/06/stepping-forward-for-the-global-common-good-an-ecojesuit-workshop-series-on-cop26-and-beyond/>

Composting at Church?

GCCM hosted a webinar one June 17th about 'Sustainable Food Systems, Food Justice and the effects of Climate Change'. In the webinar co-founder of *FeraZero.com* shared an example of LA composting case using app to record the weight of food waste and track the environmental impact.

- We can check if our parish can have such food composting program engaging with parish people especially young adults.
- Carol and Henry shared a composter that is easy to use and practical.
- Ann Marie will include composting information in her next newsletter.

KCLC Ecology Action Frame

- Suwan leads a KCLC ecology group in NY area with four members including her and meet once a month every first Thursday starting from June.
- Three pillars of the frame
 - 1) Waste Management (circular economy)
 - Reduce disposable items
 - Reduce food waste and compost
 - Reduce packaging waste
 - Make environment friendly soap and cosmetics
 - Cleaning river and park
 - Purchase sustainable products
 - 2) Carbon Reduction
 - Solar panel installation at home and church
 - Reduce meat consumption
 - 3) Simplifying Lifestyle
 - Exchange items with each other and buy minimum amount that I need (eg of "Buy Not a Thing__" in many areas all around the country, based on geographic proximity on Facebook where people post/share items for free; eg. Carol/Henry's is "Buy Not a Thing Northside" in Pittsburgh area).



- Host workshop series on COP 26 and beyond.
 - **Workshop 1:** [Global Rules, Local Solutions](#) (June 11, 2021)
 - **Workshop 2:** The Right to a Stable Climate: Achieving Net-Zero Solutions by 2050
 - **Workshop 3:** Climate Finance and Green Policy Shifts
 - **Workshop 4:** Towards Greater Business Accountability and Climate Justice for Communities
 - **Workshop 5:** Ignatian Commitments and Collaborations for Climate Action
- Suwan needs to provide her green innovation challenge story at her company. (500~2000 words)
- Article about Ballfield Farm (CLC members in Pgh) is in EcoJesuit newsletter : <https://www.ecojesuit.com/a-collaborative-community-of-learners-grows-food-in-ballfield-farm/?fbclid=IwAR14bojkyV4Mw4zcGTW5zVRYWg3b2jh8Oa0adxwV2cr9ALlpjnkupGSItOo>

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- Commitment of reducing carbon emission, what can we do as a CLC?
- Set a goal by Individual, family, household, parish
- Actions to political leaders such as sending a letter, to reduce carbon emission
- Protect indigenous people

How can we invite more Youth to CLC?

Only 69 people among 1,400 CLC members are under 35 years old. How can CLC in USA develop young adult ministry more effectively? [This number may be inaccurate on the low side as we await an update from DHCLC.] How can there be more overlap, unity between the youth efforts of various parts (cultural groups, etc) of our national CLC Body?

- Creating CLC mission projects about environmental protection, immersion encounters, etc and inviting youth to participate is a place to start.

Closing prayer by Henry

Addendum news and resources:

- Book recommendation: [Doughnut Economics: Sustainable Food Systems, Food Justice and the effects of Climate Change](#) by Kate Raworth
- For upcoming CLC Frontier Working Groups enews, our IEWG needs a group photo! Screen shot with ALL of us done soon, or at the latest on next Zoom July 15 (can everyone be on that call at 8 PM, EST?)