



Growing Our Power

Hosted by EcoFaith Network

Growing Our Power was an event hosted by the EcoFaith Network in the Fall of 2020. This event was a time to connect with gardens around our synod during the time of covid when outdoor spaces were what grounded and connected us. It is meant to be a time of spiritual reflection, learning about local food movements, and exploring ways to live out our commitments to environmental justice.

We want to give you the resources to recreate this event in your own place. Feel free to use this as you see fit and to modify it for your own space. If you do run this event in your own space we please send us photos!

Outline of the time:

- Time of centering in space: walk around the space what do you notice and what raises questions? Spend time discussing what you noticed at the end.
- Prayer (listed at the bottom left of next page)
- Listening to a local gardener of the space.
- Systems and bigger thinking. What is Jubilee and what might this look like in our own space?
- What are dreams we have for the future and what actions can let our dreams grow into reality? List actual ideas but don't be afraid to dream big
- Time to share thoughts from the day. What did you learn, how did being outside shape your dreams, what freedom did you feel, etc?



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Time of centering in space:

What is here?

What is not here?

Where do you see signs of hard
work and of rest?

Examining something closer

God of grass and gooseberries, of
bindweed and bridge-building: Your
creative connections are clear in this
space, even as we acknowledge the
damage done by our own community
and communities like us to disrupt
those connections. As we dwell in this
space and the stories that give it life,
open our hearts to imagine and enact
Jubilee here together and as we go
from this place.

Notes from Speaker

Jubilee

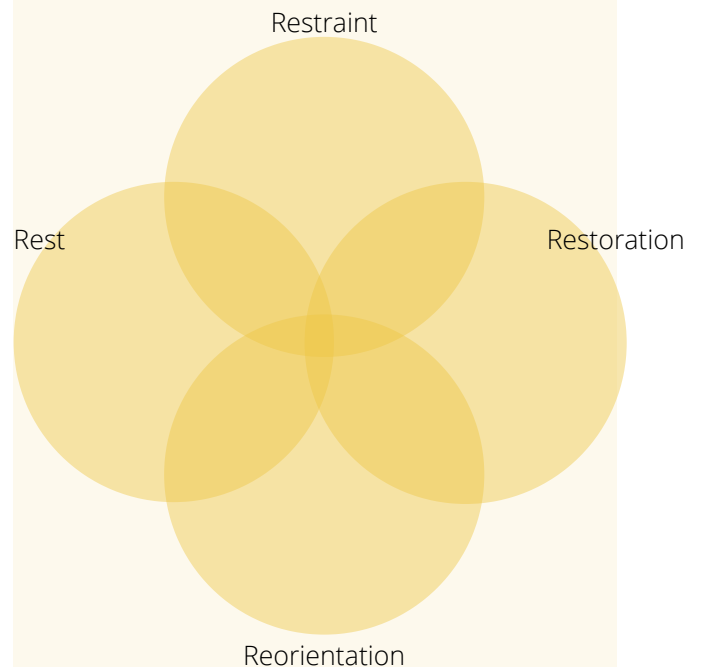
Restraint: refraining from certain practices for the sake of vulnerable land and vulnerable people

Rest: intentional rhythms and practices that support nourishment for the planet and people

Restoration: repentance from patterns of injustice and creation of just and sustainable systems

Reorientation: toward God who created and redeemed the whole earth and all its creatures

What are your Jubilee Dreams?



What have you done to put your values around environmental justice into action?

What is something you wish to do and what does that look like to step into?

What are three things you want to take away from today?

1.

2.

3.

Gather the names and contact info of two people you want to connect with from today

1.

2.



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Thank You!



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