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 places 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?

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.

Examining something closer

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

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**What are your Jubilee Dreams?**

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

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

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

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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!**