

## TFCCER

Present: Stephanie Johnson, Brian Sellers-Petersen, Phoebe Chattfield, Robert Fitzpatrick, Andrew Thompson, Lew Powell, Perry Hodgkins Jones, Nathan Empsall, Delia Heck, Luigina (interpreter), Tyler Kerr, Melanie Mullen, Richard Acosta

- Opening Prayer
- Check-ins and prayer requests
- Check-in about meeting in April regarding COVID-19
  - At this point, the meeting is still on, but the situation is being continually monitored by GCO.
  - The TFCCER will await recommendations from GCO.
- Minutes from January meeting approved (Moved: Fitzpatrick, Seconded: Powell, Unanimous)
- Update on Grants
  - New round of grant applications is anxiously awaited
  - Learning from first round:
    - Changes to reading and ranking process
    - Need comments on document of changes in the next week.
  - Emphasize importance of reaching out to geographic areas that did not submit applications
  - Reach out to those who didn't fit fully into our priorities from the first round.
  - Need to establish timelines early so that we can make the October Executive Council meeting.
  - Possible request for budget changes in June Executive Council meeting
  - Working on required reporting for grantees. Interim report due in November for a progress report.
- Update on Networking
  - One area needed to survey: Most dioceses have a group of people devoted to creation care. Let's link these people so that we can build this movement.
  - Develop "Green deputies" at GC in Baltimore as champions for not only TFCCER, but for our movement.
  - Event at general convention?
- Update on eco-justice work
  - Glossary is provisionally finished. Preparing to publish. Need final comments before published online.
  - Updating Creation Care website
  - Understanding climate change using maps.
  - Launch of climate covenant on Earth Day.
  - Plan for implementation was approved by Executive Council.
- Carbon offsets: there is excitement that we are actively participating in offsets.
- Talks about preaching workshops on climate change
- General convention planning:

- Talks about discussions of “GC swag” leaning more towards lowering carbon footprint. Cups, tote bags, metal straws, reusable things, rather than pens, magnets, etc.
- Upcoming meetings:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month for Zoom meetings planned through March 2021
  - Regardless of in-person meeting, we will have a long meeting on Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.