



Reasons for This Work

The world is not a problem to be solved; it is a living being to which we belong. The world is part of our own self and we are a part of its suffering wholeness.

—Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee

Most of us are not trained climate scientists or researchers. We are friends, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents. You may not think your voice has an impact on climate change, but understanding what your connection to Creation is—who and what you value—helps tell the story of why we must respond, and that is exactly where we need energy and focus.

We invite you to consider what is your "why" for being in and enjoying Creation. If it were to disappear or be taken away, how would your life be changed? What will you do to fight for it? Maybe you'll share how much you love the first feel of fresh powder in the Cascades and that you have noticed changes to the snowpack. Maybe you will share how as a parent you are concerned about your kids not being able to play outside because the playground equipment is too hot or because wildfire smoke makes it impossible to enjoy a summer evening outside. Maybe you'll talk about the cost of additional maintenance to ensure operational protections against changing weather. Whatever the reason, we encourage you to talk about why being in Creation is important to you and to find out what's happening and what opportunities there are to participate in solutions and share with others in your community.

In this report we have thought through this question of "why" from a faith perspective with the intention to provide resources to help in your neighborhood and parish. Let's grow stronger in faith together as we care for and restore God's Creation. Let's imagine a future together where we can continue to live, move, and be outside in wonder of nature and its bounty.