

## FRIENDLY HOUSEHOLD/TRANSITION INITIATIVE OF ECOJUSTICE WORKING GROUP

### THE FRIENDLY HOUSEHOLDS/TRANSITION IS ALL ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIPS: to God, to the human family, to the commonwealth of life and to our home, planet earth.

PLEASE CONSIDER PRAYERFULLY MAKING THESE THREE COMMITMENTS:

- 1) establish ongoing spiritual support 2) Look to your possessions to see seeds of violence and injustice; 3) Lower your household carbon footprint and work actively for climate justice

ACTION AREA	LEARNING, GROUNDING, VISIONING	PRIVATE DOMAIN (household)	MEETING AND COMMUNITY	PUBLIC DOMAIN
<b>QUERIES</b>	<p>What lifts up that which matters most in our life?</p> <p>What deepens our reverence for life?</p> <p>What practices ground us in the Spirit and offer solace when we are discouraged or in despair? How do we create time to rest, reflect and renew ourselves?</p> <p>What is our experience of privilege? Of oppression? Of being part of the natural world?</p> <p>How do we stand in solidarity with those whose lives are diminished by poverty, racism and other forms of economic and social injustice?</p> <p>What is our understanding of the root causes of poverty? Of racism? Of other forms of economic and social injustice?</p> <p>How are racism, economic insecurity and ecological destruction all interrelated?</p>	<p>What will make us more responsible consumers?</p> <p>What harmful household habits do we need to recognize and change?</p> <p>What alternative habits can we embrace?</p> <p>Are we mindful of how our lifestyle and investments can contribute to the improvement of the human condition, or to the exploitation of others?</p> <p>How have we engaged with PYM's "undoing racism" project?</p> <p>How well do we know our neighbors? Our local community? What ways might open to get to know each more fully? Are we sharing resources where we can?</p> <p>What is our understanding of systems thinking tools that help us see the impacts of our daily choices? (eco-footprint; life cycle analysis; real or true cost accounting; feedback loops).</p>	<p>How do we let our lives speak in the life of our meeting and community? What resources might we draw on from our community and neighborhood?</p> <p>Are we aware of the impacts our meeting actions and practices have on people and planet? On the neighborhoods in which our Meetinghouses reside?</p> <p>How do we create "places" where we can share deeply and explore new possibilities together? How can we support each other's concerns and leadings?</p> <p>How has the Meeting Community engaged with PYM's "undoing racism" project?</p> <p>How might the Meeting connect more fully with other local faith organizations?</p> <p>How does the Meeting relate to the community of which it is a part? What steps might the Meeting take to enhance that relationship?</p>	<p>What will support a more responsible use of resources on every level of our society?</p> <p>What harmful systems do we need to change in our neighborhoods? state? nation? world?</p> <p>What alternative systems do we need to create? How can I help?</p> <p>What relationships can we build with local organizations working for climate justice?</p> <p>What roles do you seek to play in promoting Friends Testimonies?</p>
<b>Set Goals and Objectives</b>	<p>What steps do we need to take to set specific goals in the short term? How do these smaller steps fit into the bigger picture of peace, justice and an earth restored?</p>	<p>What Friendly Household Action Areas speak to us most directly? How will we seek support for the actions we choose?</p>	<p>What can we learn from each other about each of the Friendly Household/Transition Town Action Areas?</p> <p>How can we pool skills and resources?</p>	<p>What gives us the courage to move into this domain? Why is it important that we do so?</p>

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<p><b>Food Security</b></p>	<p>How would we eat if we saw the Earth and our bodies as sacred?</p> <p>What grace is meaningful to our family and meeting?</p> <p>Where does the food we purchase come from?</p> <p>What can we learn about the working conditions of those who picked and processed the food we buy?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Eat according to LOAF principles: Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fairly-produced and traded.</li> <li>➤ Frequent local farmer's markets</li> <li>➤ Avoid processed foods, factory farming, fast food</li> <li>➤ Join a CSA or co-op</li> <li>➤ Take a permaculture design course</li> <li>➤ Eat meat infrequently</li> <li>➤ compost non meat food</li> <li>➤ Take a pledge to eat for a week on what U.S. families in poverty are given in food stamps:\$5.00/day/individual</li> <li>➤ build a relationship with someone in your community who is currently homeless.</li> <li>➤ Boycott food products produced in conditions that violate human rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ join or organize a food pantry in your community</li> <li>➤ Make your meeting a center for purchasing fairly traded foods</li> <li>➤ Hold an OXFAM meal at your meeting or in your community</li> <li>➤ organize a regular monthly local foods potluck and movie night</li> <li>➤ create a community garden with members of your meeting and community</li> <li>➤ compost non meat food waste and organize a meeting recycling system</li> <li>➤ purchase local and fair trade products for Meeting coffee hour and other hospitality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Join local efforts to create a community garden in a "food desert"</li> <li>➤ Work for national legislation that regulates the use of genetically engineered food</li> <li>➤ work to end federal subsidies that support unsustainable farming practices.</li> <li>➤ Promote local and national policies that directly improve access to affordable wellness programs.</li> <li>➤ participate in Coalition Against Hunger active non violence campaign to address food insecurity</li> <li>➤ Join local and national efforts to ban neonic pesticides that kill bees and butterflies*.</li> <li>➤ Join or help create a local sustainable business network</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>* = available at the PYM Library</p>	<p><b>websites:</b> sustainabletable.org</p> <p><b>Movies:</b> Harvest (about migrant workers) Food, Inc *(about current food system)</p> <p><b>Books:</b> Michael Pollen, <u>Omnivore's Dilemma*</u> John Robbins , <u>The Food Revolution</u> Lester Brown, <u>Full Planet, Empty Plates*</u></p>	<p><b>Websites:</b></p> <p>www.christian-ecology.org.uk/loaf-principles.htm www.localharvest.org/csa/ <a href="http://www.epa.gov/compost/">www.epa.gov/compost/</a> <a href="http://www.gracelinks.org/">http://www.gracelinks.org/</a> (excellent resources which detail the links between food, water use and energy use)</p> <p><a href="http://www.foodispower.org/importing-slavery/">http://www.foodispower.org/importing-slavery/</a> (info about food imports using slave labor )</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b></p> <p>www.fairtradefederation.org/ <a href="http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources">www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources</a> (includes Oxfam meal and lesson plans for young and old)</p>	<p><b>websites:</b> www.foodnotbombs.net www.earthsave.org <a href="http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture">http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture</a> (offers resources for addressing food insecurity in the U.S.) *<a href="http://bees.pan-uk.org/neonicotinoids">http://bees.pan-uk.org/neonicotinoids</a> <a href="http://www.xerces.org/wings-magazine/neonicotinoids-in-your-garden/">http://www.xerces.org/wings-magazine/neonicotinoids-in-your-garden/</a> * <a href="http://www.panna.org/issues/publication/bee-change-tips-tools-protecting-honey-bees">http://www.panna.org/issues/publication/bee-change-tips-tools-protecting-honey-bees</a></p>

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<p><b>Water Security</b></p>	<p>How might we best honor our watershed address?</p> <p>What can we learn about the root causes of water insecurity around the world?</p> <p>How will climate change affect water and food security? For what reasons will its effects be felt disproportionately by peoples of color?</p> <p>What is our total yearly household water use?</p> <p>How much water is used in manufacturing or processing the goods we buy?</p> <p>How might we honor the reality that most of the world's people must walk at least 3 miles for their water?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ buy a water filter if tap water isn't a good option</li> <li>➤ refuse to buy or use bottled water.</li> <li>➤ Add rain barrels, or build a rain garden or install a greywater system</li> <li>➤ Donate to projects that increase access to potable water around the world</li> <li>➤ Plant native plants that are accustomed to the local rain cycle.</li> <li>➤ Reduce lawn surface (grassy lawns absorb very little rain).</li> <li>➤ Install a drip water irrigation system for lawns and gardens; water infrequently</li> <li>➤ Install low flush toilets and reduced flow shower heads</li> <li>➤ practice water conservation in all household and landscaping choices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Offer active support to Pennsylvania Meetings whose members are currently experience the effects of “fracking” in their communities and homes.</li> <li>➤ Learn about the connections between climate change and extreme drought and floods.</li> <li>➤ Keep storm water run off on the earth’s surface as much as possible, and minimize nonporous pavement on Meetinghouse property – add rain barrels, cisterns, or rain gardens. Contact Green Street Monthly Meeting for stormwater management projects</li> <li>➤ use biodegradable detergents and cleaning products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Offer active support for campaigns to ban or regulate Marcellus Shale Oil gas drilling in Pennsylvania.</li> <li>➤ Join groups working to oppose Philadelphia becoming a “gas hub”</li> <li>➤ Join Clean Water action and support efforts to protect the Clean Water Act</li> <li>➤ join efforts to oppose privatization of global water supplies</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>* = available at the PYM Library</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> www.cleanwateraction.org</p> <p><b>Movies:</b> *Gasland *Water Wars</p> <p><b>Books:</b> Robert Glennon, <u>Unquenchable</u> Wallace Stegner, <u>Beyond the 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian</u></p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> <a href="http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/freshwater/water-conservation-tips/">http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/freshwater/water-conservation-tips/</a> (clear info in reducing water use and why)</p> <p><b>Movies:</b></p> <p><b>Books:</b> <a href="http://worldwater.org/books.html">http://worldwater.org/books.html</a> (published every two years by Island Press)</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> www.foodandwaterwatch.org (seeks a ban on “fracking” and has excellent resources on other topics as well) <a href="http://killercoke.org/">http://killercoke.org/</a> (Coca-Cola practices which target union workers in developing countries) <a href="http://thewaterproject.org/">http://thewaterproject.org/</a> (works to provide access to potable water in African countries) For campaign opposing Nestle, see <a href="https://usilive.org/nestle-ceo-says-water-isnt-a-human-right-tell-him-hes-wrong/">https://usilive.org/nestle-ceo-says-water-isnt-a-human-right-tell-him-hes-wrong/</a></p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> <a href="http://delawariverkeeper.org/delaware-river/remember-delaware-river.asp">http://delawariverkeeper.org/delaware-river/remember-delaware-river.asp</a> (Delaware River resources) <a href="http://www.cbf.org/how-we-save-the-bay/issues">http://www.cbf.org/how-we-save-the-bay/issues</a> (Chesapeake Bay Foundation with watershed action resources) <a href="http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org">http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org</a> Food and Water Watch: contact Sam Bernhardt. <a href="mailto:sbernhardt@fwwatch.org">sbernhardt@fwwatch.org</a></p>

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<p align="center"><b>Energy and Transportation</b></p>	<p>What powers our lives?</p> <p>What is our total annual household energy use? (electricity, natural gas, home heating oil; gasoline, kerosine)</p> <p>In what ways are we addicted to fossil fuels and to oil in particular? What do we see as the consequences of this addiction? How energy intensive are the products we buy?</p> <p>What can we learn about the connections between high energy consumption and our global economy?</p> <p>What recent scientific findings confirm a sense of urgency about addressing climate change now?</p> <p>What can we learn about energy poverty both here in the United States and in the world?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Purchase energy star appliances</li> <li>➤ Use public transportation, carpool, bicycle or walk to school, work, and run errands. Alternative: go carless once a week.</li> <li>➤ Weatherize your home.</li> <li>➤ install passive and/or active solar collectors in your home or purchase electricity that is 100% from renewable sources</li> <li>➤ avoid highly processed foods and fast food restaurants</li> <li>➤ Limit plane travel</li> <li>➤ Limit use of air conditioning</li> <li>➤ make a commitment to investigate the Transition Town movement and locate nearby resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Install programmable thermostats, weatherize and install alternative energy sources in meeting houses</li> <li>➤ Encourage ride sharing, walking or riding bicycle or public transit to MfW</li> <li>➤ Switch the meetinghouse to 100% renewable electricity. (see website below)</li> <li>➤ Install bike racks</li> <li>➤ Monitor source of electricity – buy local</li> <li>➤ Use manual tools for exterior maintenance – no leaf blowers or power mowers</li> <li>➤ Do not use herbicides and pesticides on Meetinghouse / school grounds</li> <li>➤ Recycle containers</li> <li>➤ Purchase recycled paper products</li> <li>➤ Minimize not productive lawn</li> <li>➤ support local light rail systems and public transportation</li> <li>➤ Switch meeting investment funds into FFC's Quaker Green Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Be an active participant in EQAT, Earth Quakers Action Team</li> <li>➤ Participate in the Transition Town movement</li> <li>➤ Be an active participant in 350.org</li> <li>➤ Lobby with FCNL for comprehensive energy legislation that works to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions which provides assistance to those most directly affected and those on low incomes.</li> <li>➤ Lobby with FCNL or other national organizations for legislation which supports and promotes new mass transit systems locally and nationally.</li> <li>➤ Provide active local support for the Energy Justice Network*</li> <li>➤ Connect local NAACP chapters with the national NAACP's Climate Justice Initiative**</li> <li>➤ support organizations that address energy poverty on all levels of government.</li> <li>➤ Join or help organize a local chapter of Transition Town</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>* = available at the PYM Library</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/">www.epa.gov/climatechange/</a>  <a href="http://www.nwei.org/discussion_courses">www.nwei.org/discussion_courses</a>. (curricula on 5 major issues from Northwest Earth Institute)          * <a href="http://whatweknow.aaas.org/get-the-facts/">http://whatweknow.aaas.org/get-the-facts/</a></p> <p><b>Movies:</b></p> <p><b>Books:</b></p> <p>Richard Heinberg, <a href="#">Peak Everything</a></p>	<p><b>Websites:</b></p> <p><a href="http://homeenergysaver.lbl.gov/consumer/">http://homeenergysaver.lbl.gov/consumer/</a>  <a href="http://www.greenforall.org">www.greenforall.org</a> (Van Jones)  <a href="http://thinkprogress.org/climate">http://thinkprogress.org/climate</a></p> <p><b>Movies:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McdULlbg1_0">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McdULlbg1_0</a> (Who is under your carbon footprint? Catholic initiative).</p> <p><b>Books:</b></p> <p>*<a href="#">Consumer's Guide to Effective Energy Choices</a>.          Union of Concerned Scientists (<a href="http://www.ucsusa.org">www.ucsusa.org</a>)</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.pym.org/eco-justice-working-group/home/renewable-energy-now/">http://www.pym.org/eco-justice-working-group/home/renewable-energy-now/</a> (for renewable electricity options)</p> <p><b>The Great Warming.</b>  <a href="http://www.thegreatwarming.com/calltoaction/faith_communities.html">http://www.thegreatwarming.com/calltoaction/faith_communities.html</a>. Tells the story of global warming from an Evangelical Christian perspective.</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.eqat.org/">http://www.eqat.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.fcnl.org/energy">www.fcnl.org/energy</a>  <a href="http://www.climatecentral.org">www.climatecentral.org</a>  <a href="http://www.ucsusa.org">http://www.ucsusa.org</a>          * <a href="http://www.energyjustice.net">http://www.energyjustice.net</a>          ** <a href="http://www.naacp.org/programs/entry/climate-justice">http://www.naacp.org/programs/entry/climate-justice</a>  <a href="https://www.transitionnetwork.org/">https://www.transitionnetwork.org/</a> (home website for the international TT movement)  <a href="https://midatlantictransition.org/">https://midatlantictransition.org/</a> (MATH has active chapters in PA, NY, Ct, MA and a wealth of resources)</p>

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<p><b>Web of Life</b></p>	<p>What can we learn about our local community? Its ecosystems? Parks? Local businesses?</p> <p>How does our reverence for life inform our lifestyle choices?</p> <p>What can we learn about the connections between our society that throws away its stuff, a “throw away planet “and the “people we throw away”?</p> <p>How can we best honor the everyday miracle of photosynthesis?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Establish a practice that puts you in touch with wonder and awe for the natural world.</li> <li>➤ Purchase/make local alternatives to pesticides and toxic chemicals for use in your home and yard care.</li> <li>➤ Avoid foods whose production is destructive to biodiversity and human welfare</li> <li>➤ go on a plastics fast</li> <li>➤ severely reduce use of disposable products;</li> <li>➤ Use native plants to promote biodiversity in your home landscaping designs</li> <li>➤ Boycott products which threaten biodiversity “hot spots” (palm oil, rainforest lumber/wood, e.g.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Organize your meeting's participation in an organization that protects a local habitat or wildlife corridor</li> <li>➤ Offer an adult discussion on the biblical foundations of ecojustice</li> <li>➤ use non disposable dishes for meeting events</li> <li>➤ Use the Mennonite Creation Care checklist and curriculum to deepen understanding and plan next steps together</li> <li>➤ Show the movie “Wisdom to Survive” and hold an adult discussion session to identify next steps</li> <li>➤ Create a Meeting “garden” space for native plants that attract butterflies and bees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Participate in an organization which protects endangered species AND actively opposes “greenwashing”</li> <li>➤ (Greenpeace, Rainforest Action Network, NRDC, Sierra Club, Union of Concerned Scientists).</li> <li>➤ Hold a community fair that celebrates the importance of local ecosystems to that community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>* = available at the PYM Library</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b>  <a href="http://www.pachamama.org">www.pachamama.org</a> (awakening the dreamer resources and workshops)  <a href="http://www.ran.org">www.ran.org</a> (rainforest network)</p> <p><b>Movies:</b>            I Am (iamthedoc.com)            Planet Earth            Awakening the Dreamer: changing the dream</p> <p><b>Books:</b>            Edmund Wilson, <i>Biophilia</i>.            Peter Brown, <i>Right Relationship</i>*            Bill McKibben, <i>Eearth</i>*</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b>  <a href="http://www.quakerearthcare.org">www.quakerearthcare.org</a>  <a href="http://www.globalissues.org/">www.globalissues.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.rainforestreelief.org">http://www.rainforestreelief.org</a></p> <p><b>Movies:</b>            *Home            Wisdom to Survive</p> <p><b>Books:</b></p>	<p><b>Websites:</b>  <a href="http://www.mennocreationcare.org/resources-and-ideas/curriculum">www.mennocreationcare.org/resources-and-ideas/curriculum</a> This survey and step by step resource book was designed for Church use  <a href="http://www.nwei.org">http://www.nwei.org</a>. Northwest Earth Institute provides easy to use study booklets for Adult Discussion/First Day school. They also have their own version of “Friendly Households”, called eco-challenge.            * contact Ruth Darlington, Medford Meeting: <a href="mailto:rdarlington@gmail.com">rdarlington@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Websites:</b>  <a href="http://www.ran.org/">http://www.ran.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.nrdc.org/">http://www.nrdc.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/">http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/</a></p>

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<p><b>Money and Stuff</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What activities give us joy? What makes us happy?</li> <li>➤ How do we best distinguish wants from needs?</li> <li>➤ What can we learn about our global financial system and its impacts? What makes banks “too big to fail?”</li> <li>➤ What assumptions do we make about people who live in poverty? About people whom we consider wealthy?</li> <li>➤ What steps can we take to break down the barriers of class?</li> <li>➤ How are race and climate change connected?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Follow a plan to reduce the stress and distraction which encumbers your day. Look DOWN on the Milky Way for a perspective on money and stuff</li> <li>➤ Do all your household banking through a credit union or local community bank.</li> <li>➤ Make your own or buy used: clothing, household items, entertainment, furniture, flowers, gifts.</li> <li>➤ Direct your charitable giving towards organizations or institutions which promote peace, social justice and biodiversity.</li> <li>➤ Frequent local stores that are minority owned</li> <li>➤ conduct a “trash audit” of the products you throw away and set up a plan to reduce it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pool resources: create a tool, skills and knowledge exchange “bank” in your neighborhood or meeting.</li> <li>➤ Organize meeting and community yard sales and fairs.</li> <li>➤ Swap toys, plants, books.</li> <li>➤ Direct Meeting investments into companies which actively support minority businesses.</li> <li>➤ Move Meeting investments into Friends Fiduciary's Green Fund</li> <li>➤ Hold an adult discussion using the DVD Climate, Race and Justice: We are all in this together*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Join PYM’s Friends Economic Integrity Project</li> <li>➤ Join an organization calling for a constitutional amendment addressing Citizens United. (<i>Move to Amend</i> e.g.)</li> <li>➤ lobby with FCNL or other national organization for national legislation that provides strong protection for consumers of financial instruments.</li> <li>➤ Participate actively in an organization which works for housing justice and opposes foreclosures.</li> <li>➤ Join Van Jones's Rebuild the Dream Network local chapter or help create a chapter</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources</b> * = available at the PYM Library</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> www.newdream.org/ www.pym.org/growth-dilemma-project <a href="http://www.storyofstuff.org/">www.storyofstuff.org/</a> (Annie Leonard videos and curricula) www.rswr.org <a href="http://www.ips-dc.org/">http://www.ips-dc.org/</a> <b>Movies:</b> Affluenza* Money as Debt*</p> <p><b>Books:</b> John Woolman, <u>Plea for the Poor</u>* Charles Eisentein, <u>Sacred Economics</u>* Richard Heinberg, <u>End of Growth</u>* Tasch, <u>Slow Money</u>*</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> <a href="http://www3.niu.edu/recycling/alum_facts/page16.html">www3.niu.edu/recycling/alum_facts/page16.html</a></p> <p><b>Movies:</b> *The Economics of Happiness (<a href="http://www.theeconomicsofhappiness.org/">http://www.theeconomicsofhappiness.org/</a>)</p> <p><b>Books:</b> *<u>Better World Shopping Guide</u> gives a “ball park” list of best and worst choices . (<a href="http://www.betterworldshopper.org/">http://www.betterworldshopper.org/</a>)</p> <p>YES Magazine (<a href="http://www.yesmagazine.org/">http://www.yesmagazine.org/</a>) dedicated to informing readers about the good news in ecojustice.</p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> <a href="http://www.chedmyers.org">www.chedmyers.org</a> (a range of issues discussed from a biblical perspective) <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Opr-uzet7Q">www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Opr-uzet7Q</a> ( video of landfill issues in Chester Pa) <a href="http://tcrcphilly.org/">http://tcrcphilly.org/</a> ( the Center for Returning Citizens is based in Germantown and provides services to citizens who have been incarcerated) * contact <a href="mailto:pamelahaines1@gmail.com">pamelahaines1@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Books for Adult Discussion:</b> Van Jones, <u>Rebuild the Dream</u></p>	<p><b>Websites:</b> <a href="http://www.friendsfiduciary.org/quaker-green-fund">http://www.friendsfiduciary.org/quaker-green-fund</a> <a href="http://www.ridingthewave.net/documents/POCAAdvocacyGroups9-30-2005_000.pdf">http://www.ridingthewave.net/documents/POCAAdvocacyGroups9-30-2005_000.pdf</a> (a list of organizations which work to end racism) <a href="https://www.nhlp.org/">https://www.nhlp.org/</a> (national housing law project works to end racial discrimination in housing) <a href="http://www.rebuildthedream.com/">http://www.rebuildthedream.com/</a> (Van Jones's book and network) <a href="http://movetoamend.org/">http://movetoamend.org/</a></p> <p><b>Movies:</b> *The End of Poverty? Think Again (www.TheEndOfPoverty.com)</p>

***The true standard by which to gauge a culture is the extent to which reverence, compassion and justice are to be found in the daily lives of a whole people, not only individuals.*** Abraham J. Heschel