

SHCJ Statements about Creation

Provincial Chapter 1997:

As members of a Society founded on the mystery of the Incarnation and entrusted with the mission "to believe that God lives and acts in them and in the world," we, the American province, commit ourselves to learn and internalize the principles and implementations of the growing sense that creation itself is sacred; all of life connects, interacts, and interrelates.

General Chapter 1998:

We will respond out of respect for the wholeness of creation, both personally and corporately, to the crisis facing our planet.

Provincial Chapter 2003:

***Direction 3** We will respond to the crisis facing our planet, a "want of the age" that cannot be denied.*

General Chapter 2004:

The Jubilee Project will help to "bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice and a culture of peace". Earth Charter Environmental destruction is one of several issues mentioned, as was "integrity of creation" and efforts to be sustainable. Most importantly, we were called to live our mission statement passionately.

Prayer for the 2008 International Gathering:

***Incarnation and Creation are integrally bound . . . we can envision God acting in a new way in Creation, a way that allows Creation to unfold slowly and unpredictably. If God is indeed the ground of this universe and God is Love, then it is love and not sin** Ilia Delio*

Provincial Chapter 2009: This proposal was accepted by a vote of 112 Yes, 4 No, and 1 Abs: We recommend that the General Chapter initiate an on-going, Society-wide reflective study of the mystery of God's presence and action in us and in our world, in relation to evolving scientific findings about the cosmos. Because action is integral to this reflective study, we recommend that the Society uphold the care of creation as context for living our mission during the next 6 years. We call SHCJ on every level to address the issues threatening the sustainability of our planet.

Excerpt from the report of the 2010 meeting of the International Union of General Superiors (IUSG) in Rome:

"It was clear during the assembly that reverence for creation and all life forms had taken a solid hold on the lives of the women. Creation spirituality, unknown as a theology to many some two decades back, is now an active ingredient in their understanding of their connection to the planet."