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Happy Earth Day and Easter from Anabaptist Climate Collaborative!

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Dear friend,

The proximity of these two holidays makes a lot of sense to me. At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus bringing new life out of death. Earth Day comes in the Spring, when dormant plants blossom into new life.

I heard a preacher complain about Easter sermons that connect the resurrection to the renewed life of Spring. His point was that the resurrection is a miracle, not a natural pattern. However, I find this annual renewal of life to be a miracle too. As Ohio State University soil scientist Rattan Lal once said, the rhizosphere, meaning the intricate network of roots, fungi, insects and bacteria in the soil, is the place where resurrection happens continuously.

This miracle is the gospel of all creatures, a phrase first used by early Anabaptist Hans Hut, who saw Christ present in all creatures, suffering with all creatures, and bringing resurrection joy. So in the midst of so much depressing news about climate change, I also celebrate the progress we make towards a greener way of life.

As part of our reorganization from the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, we have made faith a greater part of our identity, becoming Anabaptist Climate Collaborative. We do this in an invitational, not exclusive way. Our new faith statement begins with the gospel of all creatures reconciling all creation.

This is an exciting and crucial time as we practice good news for all creation, including for all our fellow humans. If we move quickly in the next six years, we can make substantial progress towards renewable energy, towards peacemaking through climate action, to seeking climate justice through confronting structural sin.

If you missed our recent newsletter click the button to read about the excellent work our board completed at our annual retreat, working with the staff on a new strategic framework and plan. We are also excited about the Global Voices tour, when Victor Odinda shared about the climate adaptations in Cambodia, where he works with our most generous sponsor and partner MCC.

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Please consider a generous donation in celebration of Earth Day and Easter. We continue in a perilous time as we transition from major funding from one source to needing support from a community of people. And you are that community who has supported us!

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With renewed hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Day Kaufman'.

Douglas Day Kaufman
Executive Director



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