Green Note: January 25, 2023: Taking Stock

As we come up to the anniversary of the Vestry vote of February 27, 2022, by which St Hilda's members agreed to support a long-term project to "green" the the Parish, the GPAG team (Carol Hartley, Bruce Pond, Mike Starr and I) are taking stock of what together we have accomplished. We are also asking for feedback from the congregation about what information and activities you would like us to work on all together in the coming year.

Last Sunday, Carol led a Green Circle in which she invited these present to share their thoughts in paper note form (or electronically through Zoom), which they then posted on two notice boards, one for Information and one for Action. Tomorrow, Sunday, the boards will again be available, first in the narthex and then in the hall, for members' to post their ideas. We encourage everyone to take part either physically, or electronically by emailing one of the GPAG team. Attached to this message, you will find a pdf that lists members' ideas already expressed, and also summarizes the events and activities of the past year. Please also let us know which of these events and activities you have found especially memorable or helpful.

Looking ahead, we are planning a Green Forum on Friday, February 24 at 7.00 Rev. Alecia Greenfield (Vicar at Holy Cross Anglican Church, North Vancouver) will be here at St Hilda's to talk about our personal, community, and institutional strategies for banking and investment in the time of climate emergency. Rev Alecia's talk will be available on Zoom as well as in person, so please mark your calendars and plan to join the discussion of this crucial topic, which in multiple ways affects us all.

Is the constant talk about climate crisis becoming all too much? Do your find the emergency difficult to think and talk about, perhaps with your family and friends? Here is a link to an article, "How to Take a Break from the Climate Crisis Without Living in Denial." The article appears in *Gen Dread*, a newsletter "about how the climate crisis is making us feel, why that's happening, and what we can do about it."
https://gendread.substack.com/p/how-to-take-breaks-from-the-climate?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

So, reminder: please check out the attached pdf, and let us know, either by jotting down your thoughts tomorrow, or by emailing one of us, how you feel about our efforts so far, and what your ideas and preferences are for the coming year.

Many thanks,
Christine