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How do you see yourself living your faith through your love of creation?

The land, waters, air, and living beings that Creator God has made have so much to teach us about our faith. I see God in the cycles of living and dying reflected in the seasons, the food chain, the tides. We are taught by the land to love fiercely and to let go. To experience the beauty of both the abundance of the summer sunshine and the stillness of the winter cold. Like the land, we all experience extremes in our lives and the land demonstrates to us the power of transformative change to move through them. By following this example, we can graciously experience them both—resilience and joy together.



Why do you feel it's important to live generously in this way?

The land is so generous with us—Creator God has provided everything that we need to live well. God's first Creations were not cathedrals, but rather the forests, mountains, oceans, and deserts. The land is love. That love embraces us, wherever we live. We can enter into reciprocal relationships with the Creation around us by tending to the earth and to each other with a strong and gentle hand. This is how the self-sustaining environmental systems around us work, there is a role for each being to play and there is balance in their intertwined entities.

What would you say to others who want to live generously and live their faith?

It can sometimes seem easy to take the abundance of the land for granted. We cannot allow our precious connection to earth and soil to be extracted from our lives. We were made of the earth and to the earth we will return. However, we are still the living, embodied earth in between. It is love that brought us to life. Feel the living waters flowing through our veins and let that connect us to the waters that nourish us. Find that kinship with the goodness of Creation and let that love motivate us into action in support of the Creation around us, the sacred Creation that cannot be bought, sold, or destroyed. Let our love have legs and may our faith move us.

***We are called to live generous lives.
Love includes community and service. Love encompasses all.***