

Queries To Assist With Discernment of Social and Climate Justice Action

1. What would a world of justice and equity look like? If we truly loved all of creation, how would the world be different? How can we live into and bring about that vision?
2. We each bring different gifts to this work. Can I recognize the gifts that others hold? What gifts can I offer? Do I respect my own limits? How do we complement each other in this work? What concerns are most on your heart in relation to climate change and racial injustice?
3. How can we accept responsibility for our role in White Supremacy and environmental destruction without becoming paralyzed by shame or guilt?
4. How could you encourage and support the members of your meeting and committees who have leadings to address the issues resulting from climate change and racism?
5. The work towards racial and environmental justice is a journey. Each of us is in a different place on this path. Can I accept where I am on this journey, neither denigrating myself nor becoming complacent? Do I approach others from a place of compassion, remembering my own early mistakes and awkwardness?
6. Have we deliberately listened to those most impacted by racism and environmental destruction, such as People of Color, and followed their lead? If we have not, what resources and practices can we use to better hear these crucial perspectives?
7. How could the choices we are contemplating affect those who have been harmed by systemic, institutional, interpersonal and/or internal racism? How will we provide opportunities for those most likely to be directly affected by the choices we are contemplating to influence the decision making process?
8. What is your greatest concern about climate change and the impact it has on the environment and all life on earth? How can we be patterns and examples in a campaign for peace and ecojustice?

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9. How can we walk humbly with our God and reach out lovingly to all who share our hopes for the future of the earth and her inhabitants? What actions might we take to promote justice for all?

10. How are we called to act in our own lives and faith community?

Sources:

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