

# NEYM: Taking Action on the Climate Crisis

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*These slides are available at:  
[climatecalculator.org](http://climatecalculator.org)*



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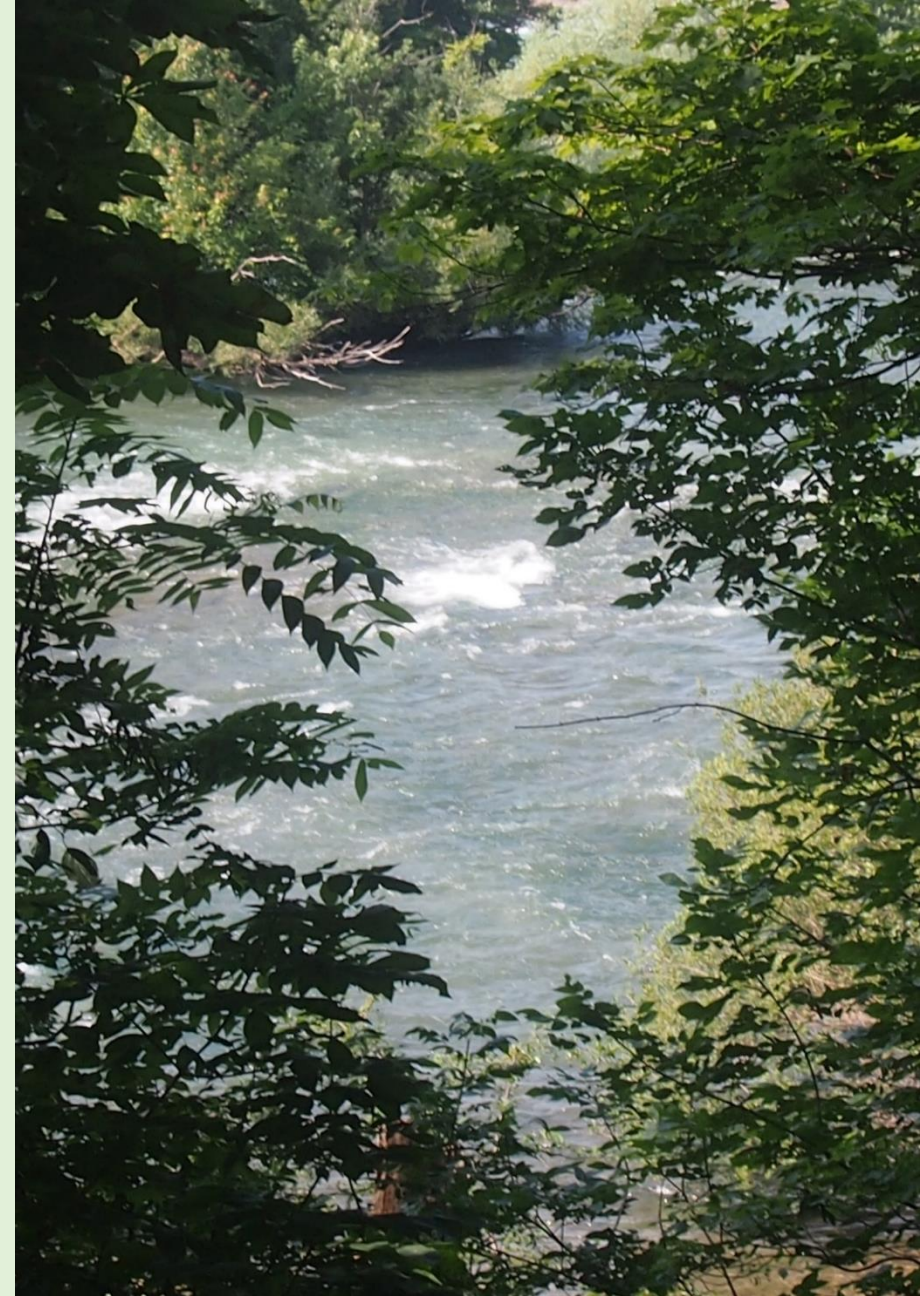
# The Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice

- \* We are called to see what love can do: to love our neighbors as ourselves, to aid the widow and the orphan, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, to appeal to consciences and bind the wounds.
- \* We are called to teach our children right relationship, to live in harmony with each other and all living beings in the earth, waters and sky of our Creator, who asks, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world?” (Job 38:4)
- \* We are called to do justice to all and walk humbly with our God, to cooperate lovingly with all who share our hopes for the future of the earth.
- \* We are called to be patterns and examples in a 21st century campaign for peace and ecojustice, as difficult and decisive as the 18th and 19th century drive to abolish slavery.



# Historical background

- Pre-2010 – interest in general earthcare, but a few individuals taking personal action
- 2010-2011- Began more specifically talking about climate change as a yearly meeting
- 2013-4 Individual direct action ( e.g., Lobster Boat Blockade)
- 2014- Connecticut Valley Quarter's Minute calling on Friends to take action (as led) on climate change
- 2016- Reaffirmed CVQ Minute
- 2018-2019 – Climate action calculator, call for 10% reduction; youth videos on climate
- 2020 – Call combining action on climate and racism



# 2013-2016: Climate disobedience



## ***Charges Dropped Against Climate Activists***

New York Times, 9/9/2014

<https://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/09/us/charges-dropped-against-climate-activists.html>

<http://www.climatedisobedience.org/jayohara> 0:11-0:58



# Climate calculator

- Calculate your carbon footprint
- Decide which actions are best for you
- [climatecalculator.org](https://climatecalculator.org)



# Top 10 Actions in 2018-19



## New Commitments

1. Eat a Low Carbon (Vegan) Diet
2. Line-dry Clothing
3. Get Your School to Take Action
4. Reduce Your Waste
5. Educate Kids about Global Warming
6. Install Photovoltaic (Solar) Panels
7. Practice Eco-Driving
8. Write a Short Note to a Politician
9. Purchase Green Electricity
10. Power Management of Computers

## Already Done

1. Start a Compost System
2. Switch to Compact Fluorescent Lights
3. Turn Off Lights
4. Maintain Your Vehicles
5. Turn Down Thermostat in Winter
6. Turn Up Thermostat in Summer
7. Eat a Low Carbon Diet
8. Print Double Sided
9. Install Low Flow Showerheads
10. Have Your Family use Less Heat & A/C

*For 147 Quakers in NEYM who used the Climate Calculator*

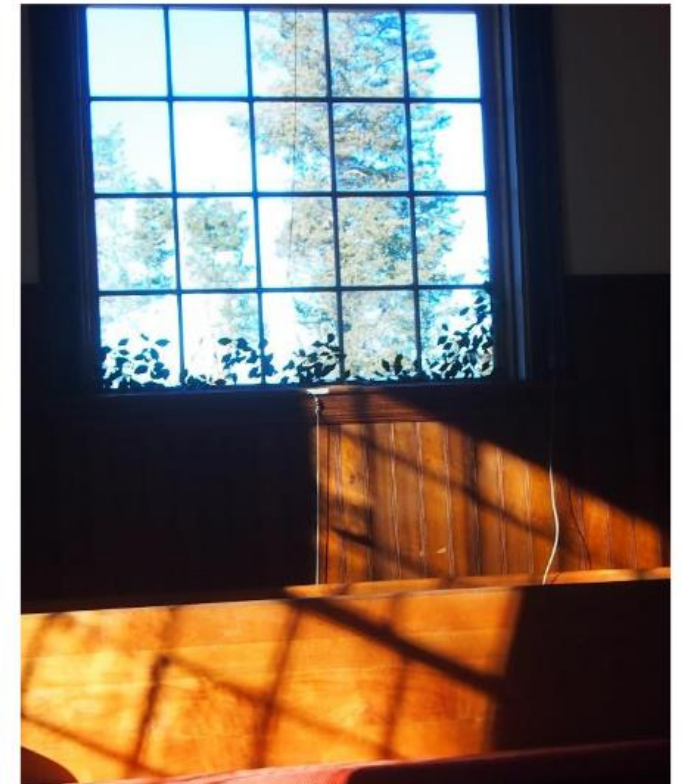
# Or skip the calculator and use our “profiles”

- [Vegan or Vegetarian](#)
- [Social Justice Advocate or Climate Activist](#)
- [House of Worship](#)
- [Frugal Person](#)
- [Youth](#)
- [Renter](#)
- [Retiree](#)
- [Home Owner](#)
- [Home Builder](#)
- [Gardener](#)

*Climatecalculator.org*

## House of Worship

1. Install photovoltaic (solar) panels
2. Purchase green electricity
3. \*Form a climate action group
4. \*Take part in a climate change action
5. \*Speak to kids about reducing CO2
6. Install an indirect water heater
7. Plant trees
8. Replace your refrigerator with the most efficient fridge
9. Start a compost system
10. Go organic
11. Use less non-essential water
12. Choose an Energy Star fridge
13. Switch to LED lights (per bulb)
14. Design a lawn-free landscape
15. Use a heat-sensing gun to check your home for air leaks
16. Use a meter to measure actual energy use





# Call to Urgent, Loving Action for The Earth and Her Inhabitants

The Earth and Her Inhabitants

**New England Yearly Meeting  
2020 Sessions**

Earthcare Ministry Committee  
Racial, Social and Economic  
Justice Committee



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# Overview of 2020 Call

- Inspired by 2012 Kabarak Call <http://www.fwcc.world/call.pdf> and *Pisac Minute of 2016* <http://fwcc.world/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Pisac-Sustainability-Minute-2016.pdf>
- At NEYM 2020 Sessions, attendees minuted their affirmation of a “Call to Urgent, Loving Action for the Earth and Her Inhabitants” presented jointly by the Earthcare Ministry Committee and the Racial, Social & Economic Justice Committee.
- We are now beginning the process of encouraging quarterly and monthly meetings to begin a year of discernment to consider what actions they might take to address climate crisis and environmental justice.





# What is the background of the Call to Action?

- The Call arose for four reasons:
  - The deaths of George Floyd and many others have awakened in society, and our Society, a desire to address systemic racism
  - The climate crisis has become increasingly visible – and local – for many, and scientists tell us we are running out of time to avoid the worst impacts of that crisis
  - A series of videos presented as a Virtual Plenary at the 2019 Sessions by Lisa Graustein led many of us to see the underlying problems of both racism and the climate crisis arose from a common source – namely our unquestioning belief in the Doctrine of Discovery.
  - Some of us have discerned a leading to take actions to address social justice.



# The Doctrine of Discovery

- We will start with the Doctrine of Discovery because it helps us understand where we are now
- You can view all of Lisa Graustein's virtual plenaries on the NEYM site.
- But today, we're going to share a section of a key video she created about the Doctrine of Discovery:
  - <https://neym.org/recordings/news/invitation-2019-annual-sessions-plenary> Doctrine of Discovery, video on minute, view this section: 4:03—9:24





# The Call to Urgent, Loving Action

- Some of us may not have been at Sessions, so we're going to replay the presentation of the Call that was shown there.
- The text and a video of The Call, along with other information, can be found on the NEYM website:
  - <https://neym.org/call-urgent-loving-action-resources-engagement>
- And the video version is also here: <https://youtu.be/3kiXR6lyl88>



# Our message: there is hope!

- The hope comes from you and your meeting taking loving action.
- Which makes you more hopeful.
- Which encourages you to take more action....





# Helping your monthly meeting

- We are committed to helping monthly meetings in their discernment. What does your monthly meeting need to help it in its discernment about The Call to Action?
  - Resource materials?
  - Worship sharing support?
  - Workshops (led by a Quaker)?
  - Other?
- Please write us at [calltoaction@neym.org](mailto:calltoaction@neym.org) to let us know what we can do to help.
- Optional: include where you think your meeting is on anti-racism and climate, and a contact person (if not yourself) for your meeting.



# We are encouraging meetings to help one another

- Are you willing to share your experiences to date on anti-racism and reducing the climate crisis? If so, we are encouraging meetings to record videos (3-6 minutes) on Zoom describing their experiences. We'll edit and post these for you so other meetings can use them as a resource.
- See: <https://neym.org/call-urgent-loving-action-resources-engagement> for examples.
- Consider this as a way of finding/creating a virtual community of Friends interested in the same topic you are!

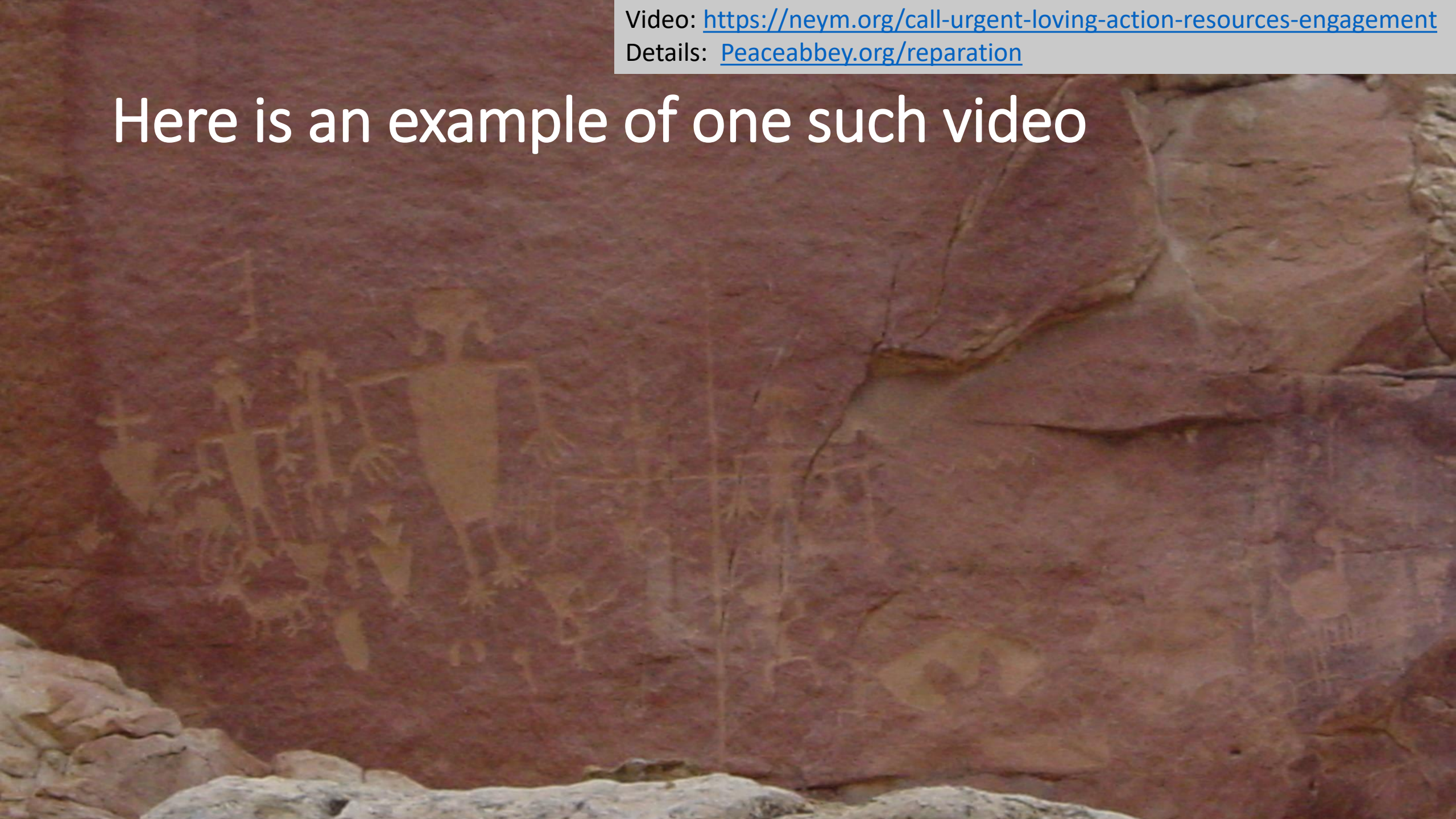




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Details: [Peaceabbey.org/reparation](https://peaceabbey.org/reparation)

# Here is an example of one such video





# 2021 Plans

- Our focus for 2021 is expected to be:
  - Involving our younger members
  - Collaborating with other Quaker organizations
- How can we collaborate with you?  
Email us at: [calltoaction@neym.org](mailto:calltoaction@neym.org)



## Closing prayer

Creator G\*d, Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit, we praise Thee for the Heavens, the Sun, the Moon, the Earth and all her inhabitants. We praise Thee for the thousands of millennia that have brought us to this precious moment in time, where the indigenous Prophecy of the Eagle and the Condor align with our need. The prophecy states that the Eagle, a symbol of societies that are very materialistic and very human-oriented, and the Condor, a symbol for societies that are more spiritual and ones that feel more integrated with their environment, will fly together in the same sky. We, as Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Indigenous Peoples—or any ethnic or religious group around the globe—celebrate our traditions that speak to this time of loving Thee and loving one another as Thee would have us love. Be with us on this journey of Love and Obedience to the Holy Spirit that calls us to a new way of thinking and being with one another and all Creation for the healing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all your blessed family of Earthly beings. We thank you. We need you. We want you. We love you. Guide us with your Transforming Power that enables us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee, cheerfully over the world.

So be it.

