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Theme: GREENING THE VOWS BY MARGARET SCOTT

Section 4: Obedience in an Ecological Perspective

Scripture: *“I seek not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. (John 5:30)*

Reflection: Some of us took the vow of obedience with the understanding that we would obey whatever our Superior/s asked of us. Others of us had the understanding that the vow of obedience included not only our Superiors, but the workings of the Holy Spirit within us, the signs of the times as expressed in the needs of our brothers and sisters. In this 21st century we are discovering that the vow of obedience can have an understanding from an ecological perspective. How is this? From the Creation story found in the book of Genesis.

As Walter Brueggemann, a Scriptural scholar, tells us, “God calls creation into being and creation’s special vocation is to answer that call: to say ‘yes’. It is to say a delighted, willing ‘yes’ to the plan of the Creator, to being what God calls it to be. Between the Creator and creation, including us, there is a special relationship”.

But this harmony and interconnectedness were shattered by our individualistic and self-centered world-view. But God’s will is that our “brokenness should not go on forever” (Margaret Silf). The obedience of the Son, Jesus Christ has the power to reconnect us, to reconcile people with God, with each other and with creation. (Scott)

The obedience of religious men and women is a sharing in that of Christ, who made his own will one with the Father’s will, ‘and became obedient to the point of death’ (Philippians 2:8) Our obedience in Christ mends, heals, brings back into wholeness and harmony the disconnected and scattered fragments of the original creation. (Scott)

Response Options:

- Meditate on the Genesis stories of Creation and listen attentively to what the Creator is saying to me.
- Examine my relationships with others.

Prayer:

God, our Creator, in calling Creation forth, you stated how “good” it was. Help us to view all creation with delight and proclaim how good you are in gifting us with your Love.

May our thoughts, words and deeds be the means to bring harmony and connectedness in this world so that all Creation may say “YES” to your Eternal plan. We pray...

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