

## ***God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action***

Last November, the Council of Bishops adopted unanimously their most recent Pastoral Letter (and Foundation Document): *God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action*. The General Board of Church and Society and Peace With Justice grants help fund the research, study and survey information gathered from over 5,000 United Methodists during the shaping of this important document.

Now it is our turn as conference leaders and coordinators.

**Your help is needed to spread the word and act on several points:**

- 1. The Guide for Group Study**, a closer examination of the Pastoral Letter and the Foundation Document, is available now (in two places) for use in **Lenten Study Groups**.
  - a. Free downloadable documents (all 3) and the Guide for Group Study at [HopeandAction.org](http://www.hopeandaction.org).**
  - b. A print document** containing the bishops' documents and the study guides **from Cokesbury**, for a **Special February Only Sale price of \$5 each**. Click on this hot link for more information and to ORDER before Feb. 28 to capture the sale...  
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[:http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?id=154&pageid=714](http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?id=154&pageid=714)
- 2. Gather your own small group(s) to use the study Guide.** Register the group at [HopeandAction.org](http://www.hopeandaction.org) at Contact Us.
- 3. Promote [HopeandAction.org](http://www.hopeandaction.org) to everyone in your network: it will soon post resources (articles, events, news, and video clips) coordinated with each of the 6 sessions of the Study Guide.** There'll be much more on this website dedicated to the followup work over the next year and a half as we all shape our own pledges (in response to the bishops' 9 pledges in their Pastoral Letter) and transforming actions to eliminate the threats to God's good creation highlighted in their message.
- 4. Incorporate God's Renewed Creation as a resource and as a challenge at your upcoming events, training, and outreach.** Stay in touch with Pat Callbeck Harper and she can assist you in highlighting this effort during your Annual Conference and other conference/district/regional events.

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