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Fellow Episcopalians:

The Minnesota Episcopal Environmental Stewardship Commission (MEESC) is a dynamic pace setter for understanding, reflection and action in our Diocese and the Episcopal Church in America and has been so for 15 years.

During these years we have had several levels of financial support from our Diocese. For the last several years it has been minimal, although gratefully received.

We have had great success in maintaining a Web presence, www.env-steward.com which now has over 1 million visits a year, and we have been a substantial energy in the Episcopal Ecological Network, www.eenonline.org, the Episcopal Church's network of environmental groups of the Church.

As public awareness of concerns about the environment has grown, our work has taken on a new energy and urgency. We welcome this change, and embrace the new challenges it sets for us. We are now called in many new and exciting directions: to mentor churches, set process and policy and develop liturgical and educational materials in our faith communities. The Creation Season materials we have developed for Easter 2 through Easter 7, 2008 are one of our projects to assist others in understanding the spiritual relationship to God's Creation.

As we all know financial resources are a necessary part of these responses so that we can continue in God's call to us to be responsible stewards of creation.

We graciously ask that you consider a monetary donation to MEESC as a portion of your outreach funding or through an individual gift so that we may continue in this urgent and necessary work we are called to do. Personal gifts are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to "MEESC" or "Minnesota Episcopal Environmental Stewardship Commission" and mailed to: Nelson Thomas, 9426 Congdon Blvd, Duluth, MN 55804-2734

Thank you for your consideration,

The Rev. Tom Harries, Co-chair

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