

Who we are and how we are called

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Scripture

Job 12: 7-9

But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?

Reflection

We have been blessed in the Diocese of Edmonton with a companion diocese relationship with the Diocese of Buye in Burundi. rough visits and discussions over 12 years we have learned about one another the places we live, the challenges we face. is relationship has added to our understanding of the world and informed our prayers for one another. We know that our own ecological challenges and those in Buye call for different responses. In learning from one another our common life is enriched and blessed.

What is the story of the land where you live? For reflection today try these questions adapted from Living Ecological Justice: A Biblical Response to the Environmental Crisis (CPJ). Why not compare your answers with a friend.

1. Point north from where you are right now.
2. Describe the soil around your home.
3. Name five native edible plants in your area and identify when they are in season.
4. Name five species of animal that live in your area, are they native?
5. Name five trees in your area.
6. Name five resident and migratory birds in your area.
7. What primary geological event or process influenced the landform where you live?
8. On what First Nations land do you live?
9. What is the most common land use in your area?
10. Which spring flower is the first to bloom?
11. How long is the growing season where you live?
12. From which directions do storms usually come in your area?
13. What kinds of rocks and minerals are found in your area?
14. What is the largest wild region in your area?
15. Where does your water come from?
16. Where does your garbage go?

Prayer

*Blessed are you, Creator of the universe.
May the pastures be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy;
may the fields be covered with grain; and may we, with all creation,
shout for joy and sing your praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*
Book of Occasional celebrations

Burundi farmers harvest beans, maize and rice

We have received greetings from the Rev. Audace Kwizera, diocesan secretary, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Buyé. They are well and hope we are also well.

The pictures are of a food security initiative which members of the Edmonton diocese support through a partnership with PWRDF. They show the Rev. Damascene Bagirubwira, a diocesan development officer, with farmers and their crops of beans, maize and rice which are expected to yield a satisfactory crop in January, 2020.

In the meantime, Kwizera reports that the Mothers' Union (MU) is busy enrolling new members and we can look forward to receiving more pictures in the new year.

Read the whole story at

<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/news/crops-of-beans-maize-and-rice-ready-for-harvest-in-new-year>

Tomorrow:

*The Third Sunday in Lent, take a Sabbath rest
and reflect on last week's readings*