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Dear Participant,

For the past 20 years, the members of the EcoJustice Committee of the Dominican Alliance have presented interactive programs on important ecological issues: Water, Food, Land, Climate Change, and most recently a multi-sensory retreat experience, *Falling in Love with Earth*.

Though some progress has been made, none of these global ecological issues have been resolved to the mutual benefit of the Earth community. One of them, Climate Change, or Global Heating as it is now referenced, continues to grow in significance and consequence.

Because of the overarching urgency of Climate Change, the lack of a coordinated response in our nation, and the politics that often muddy it, the members of our committee determined that our next effort would be to provide a stimulating and thought-provoking dialogue regarding the nature of Climate Change and our response to it. The events of these days have helped us all grow in our awareness of the interconnection between Climate Change, Racial Disparity, Immigration, the Pandemic, and indeed all the issues facing our small planet.

You will find attached to this email a dialogue – a Conversation Café – titled *Climate Change is The Overarching Life Issue: Continuing Conversations in this Election Year 2020*.

We trust that your engagement in the process will encourage good discussion and prompt ongoing study and reflection.

The *Conversation Café* is very versatile. It can be used by in any size setting or even individually. It contains all the directions and information needed to use it.

Though the dialogue has been sent out electronically for quick access to the hyperlinks, it can also be easily printed. We ask that everyone who enters the dialogue has her/his own copy.

Blessings on your continued commitment to engage in honest, fruitful, and open dialogue.

Sincerely,

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