Healing the Planet – What individuals and groups can do



- RESEARCH. Learn about the work that's already begun. Check out websites and videos (see below) and the VMS resources page. Sign up for notification of VMS offerings on this issue.
- REFLECT. What do the teachings of your spiritual tradition bring to the conversation about healing the planet? What are the characteristics of the future you want to see? What actions will lead to those outcomes? Identify the unifying principles at the basis of a healthy world.
- BE MINDFUL. Meditate and reflect deeply on how you might contribute to solutions. Be mindful of opportunities that arise. Look for others with whom to combine your talents and energy.
- TAKE THE HIGH ROAD. Use language and actions that keep the conversation positive and goaloriented. Avoid defensive reactions and polarization. Use means consistent with your goals & values.
- SEEK TRUTH WITHOUT BIAS. Listen intently to all perspectives in an unbiased search for truth, regardless of affiliation or background. Research from the source, rather than forming opinions based on other's opinions.

Research to Do, Campaigns to Support

- On the national and regional levels, encourage your business or organization to endorse the <u>Just</u>
 <u>Recovery</u> project, supported by approximately 200 organizations across Canada.
- Support the <u>Together First</u> campaign, a growing movement of global citizens, experts, practitioners, civil society activists and business leaders from all regions of the world, committed to making the best ideas for global governance a reality. Founded in 2018 to create a "to-do" list for the international community, it proposes <u>concrete</u>, <u>feasible steps</u> "to mitigate global catastrophic risks and put us on a pathway to the broader global governance revolution we need". <u>Join here</u> as an organization or an individual.
- Included in the Together First campaign is the <u>Common Home of Humanity</u> effort for one <u>Global Pact</u> <u>for the Environment</u> (GPE), giving coherence and effectiveness to the current fragmented approach.
 The new legal instrument would serve as a binding, universal "umbrella text" to address the many gaps in international environmental law.
- Read <u>Global Governance Forum Proposals</u> 2020, by authors of <u>Global Governance and the</u>
 <u>Emergence of Global Institutions for the 21st Century</u>, Cambridge University Press <u>Free pdf version</u>
- Endorse the <u>Campaign for a UN Parliamentary Assembly</u>, an advisory body to act as the voice of global citizens rather than governments, to advise on world problems and act as a catalyst for reform. The <u>history of the idea</u> is long and well-supported by governments and civil society groups.
- Democracy Without Borders in collaboration with Democracy International and CIVICUS: World
 Alliance for Citizen Participation as well as other civil society organizations across the world are
 pushing forward a global campaign that advocates the creation of a UN World Citizens' Initiative.
- The <u>Simultaneous Policy (Simpol)</u> Initiative is an innovative solution based on the simple fact that governments acting alone run the risk that businesses will go where it's less regulated, hence the need for simultaneous policies and an electorate encouraging change.

Watch and share videos on Global Governance

- o <u>UN75 "What if...?" video</u> (4 min.)
- Beatrice Fihn, ED of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Interview, Jan 2020 (4 min.)
- o Global Governance & the Emergence of Global Institutions Apr. 2020 (2 hours)
- o Rethinking Global Governance, Ian Goldin, World Economic Forum, 2015 (5 min.)
- o <u>TED X Gabriel Duque</u>, Columbian diplomat, "Why we need global institutions" (10 min.)
- David Held TED talk British political scientist, "Global Governance, into the Future" (20 min.)
- Have other favourites? Please share them with us at victoriamultifaith@gmail.com

Other Resources

Together First - About,
Proposals: Stepping Stones brochure,
Proposals: Campaign Hub web page,
Overview,
Values Statement,
Join Us page

A list of websites on global governance: https://www2.world-governance.org/site135.html?lang=en

UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda http://sdg.iisd.org/

Environmental Rule of Law First Global Report

