

Hillcrest and Care of Creation

There are several Christian groups and more inter-religious groups converging about the Care of Creation. As the Norwich, NY School System reflects on the remarkable achievement of Hillcrest Environmental Park, it is well to check out what these groups are doing.

First is an evangelical Protestant group, Care of Creation: www.careofcreation.net. This group has world-wide influence through the Lausanne Covenant.

Second is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, proposed by Pope Francis and adapted by many other Christian and non-Christian Churches. Every Sept. 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, people work for healing our wounded planet.

The following prayer from the British Catholic group, CAFOD, is used by many people and is suitable for any time of the year.

May we be especially grateful for the five teachers and administrators of the Norwich School System who were so instrumental in establishing Hillcrest (The Big Five page) and the several groups who over the years have revived Hillcrest, especially BOCES, and the Norwich Middle School general science teachers who spoke to our NHS 1950's reunion on Aug. 3, 2019 (current page).

Prayer For Our World:

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,
appointed us as its guardians
and gifted us with everything we need,
forgive us
for the times we cause it harm;
for the times our way of life
affects our neighbours.

Inspire us

to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives and communities;

to share in the griefs and anxieties,

joys and hope of all your people,

so that all your creation may flourish.

Amen.