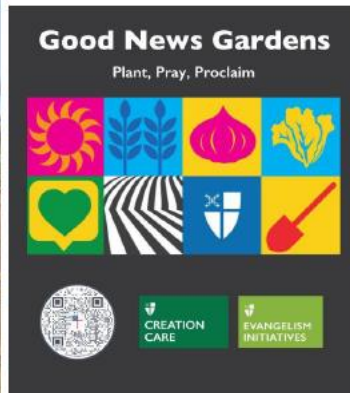


# 2022 Bishop's Study Group - People of the Land: Christian Agrarian Movement Online



Dear Study Group Members,

When we meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 PM, we will spend our time talking about what we have discovered about agrarianism in the Episcopal Church and in other faith communities and traditions.

While most of the sites listed are from our tradition, they are only a starting point. Reading about one will lead you to others. As you explore them, take notice of what catches your attention. We meet to talk about what others are doing and what might work in our diocese.

Some starting places for online exploration of this growing movement:

- Article on [Stewardship of Land](#)
- The Episcopal Church's [Creation Care site](#)
- [Good News Gardens](#)
- Article on [Good News Garden in our diocese](#)
- Episcopal Agrarian Ministries on [Instagram](#) and on [Facebook as a private group](#) you can join by request
- [Apricot Lane Farms](#), the Biggest Little Farm folks
- [Plainsong Farm](#)

I look forward to studying with you! Grace and peace, *Bishop Hughes*



Messiah and the Community of St John Baptist have a deep connection with this initiative. The Good News Gardens featured for the Study Group is the garden Julie and Dani and Linda O and Sr Victoria Michelle coordinated this past last summer. Sr Pam and Sr Linda and Donna M. also provided seedlings and assistance. It is a movement in motion which hits upon all the Marks of Mission.

The Bishop's Study Group will be discussing these programs as a model for social justice and food security.

### **The Five Marks of Mission:**

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### ***En Español***

#### **Las Cinco Marcas de la Misión**

La misión de la Iglesia es la misión de Cristo:

1. Proclamar las Buenas Nuevas del Reino
2. Enseñar, bautizar y nutrir a los nuevos creyentes
3. Responder a la necesidad humana mediante un servicio de amor
4. Tratar de transformar las estructuras injustas de la sociedad, enfrentar la violencia de toda índole, y buscar la paz y la reconciliación
5. Luchar por salvaguardar la integridad de la creación y sostener y renovar la vida en la tierra

### ***En français***

#### **Les Cinq Marques de la Mission**

La mission de l'Église est celle du Christ :

1. Proclamer la Bonne Nouvelle du Royaume de Dieu
2. Instruire, baptiser et encourager les nouveaux croyants
3. Répondre par amour aux besoins humains
4. S'efforcer de transformer toutes structures injustes de la société, confronter toutes violences et rechercher la paix et la réconciliation
5. Œuvrer pour la sauvegarde de l'intégrité de la création et soutenir et renouveler la vie de la terre

## ***Em Português***

### **As Cinco Marcas da Missão**

A missão da igreja é a missão de Cristo

1. Proclamar as boas novas do reinado de Deus
2. Ensinar, batizar e nutrir os novos crentes
3. Responder às necessidades humanas com amor
4. Procurar a transformação das estruturas injustas da sociedade, desafiar toda espécie de violência, e buscar a paz e a reconciliação
5. Lutar para salvaguardar a integridade da Criação, sustentar e renovar a vida da terra

## ***Katika Kiswahili***

### **Alama Tano za Utume**

Utume wa Kanisa ni Utume wa Kristo:

1. Kutangaza Habari Njema ya Ufalme
2. Kufundisha, kubatiza na kulea waumini wapya
3. Kujibu mahitaji ya binadamu kwa huduma ya upendo
4. Kutafuta kuleta mabadiliko ya mifumo ya jamii isiyo haki, kupinga vurugu za kila aina na kutafuta amani na mapatano.
5. Kujitahidi kuuhifadhi ukamilifu wa uumbaji na kutunza na kufanya upya maisha ya dunia.