



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY
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Dear Friends,

The CLC working group at the United Nations in New York invites you and all our world CLC community to join in a United Nations “Call to Action” to support the fourteenth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 14) which reads: *To conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.*

Last June, our CLC representatives attended the Ocean Conference held at the UN in New York. One aim of the Conference was: *“Be the inspiration that will reverse the decline in the health of our oceans for people, planet and prosperity.”* To address this aim, every organization present was asked to accept a “Call to Action.” Since this action resonates with our CLC priority areas of Ecology and Water, we accepted this call to unite with so many others of good will. We submitted a two-year voluntary “commitment” which we are calling a **CLC Ocean Care Plastics Project**. At the UN, our project is registered as: **#OceanAction21726**. So, whenever you make a related post online or via social media, be sure to include this hashtag so that it registers on our account!

To participate in this project, you can:

- **Raise Awareness!** We can educate one another about caring for our common home, protecting our oceans, and reducing plastic usage. We will be promoting our CLC Ecology materials, the Pope’s Encyclical Laudato Si, other relevant documents.
- **Reduce Use of Plastic!** We seek to make lifestyle changes that minimize the use of plastics as well as to advocate for bans and restrictions on plastics in local areas. What are positive actions and challenges in your family? in your town? In your country?
- **Share Stories and Information!** We can help to implement action through networking and communication. We want to encourage the sharing of stories from local communities, best practices in packaging and reducing plastics, and other relevant information that inspires us to act on behalf of our oceans. To share, you can:
 - Submit articles to Progressio Magazine.
 - Join our Facebook Group CVX-CLC Ecology!
www.facebook.com/groups/cvxclcecology/
 - Remember to use hashtag for online postings and social media:
#OceanAction21726

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CLC representatives at the UN can help inform you about pertinent events at the UN as well as information about the oceans. The UN working group works closely with our World Executive Council and will coordinate the communication flow between our national communities. This project will conclude in June 2019 when our CLC Working Group will produce a document of stories, best practices, analyses, recommendations for next steps, etc.

We urge you to accept our invitation and initiate this project in your national communities. Encourage all members to participate in this CLC worldwide endeavor.

Laudato Si!

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