

# Earth Our Home

Humanity is part of a vast evolving universe.

Earth, our home, is alive with a unique community of life.

The forces of nature make existence a demanding and uncertain adventure, but Earth has provided the conditions essential to life's evolution.

The resilience of the community of life and the well-being of humanity depend upon preserving a healthy biosphere with all its ecological systems:

a rich variety of plants and animals,

fertile soils,

pure waters

and clean air.

The global environment with its finite resources

is a common concern of all peoples.

The protection of Earth's vitality, diversity and beauty is a sacred trust.

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