

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE – SACRED LAND**

### **60-Minute Meeting**

- 1) Introduction - (3 min.) Welcome. This video is an interview with three communities of Catholic Sisters who have land in Nelson, Marion and Washington counties. They share their thoughts about preservation of their lands.
- 2) Watch video (17 min.)
- 3) Ask people in the group to offer thoughts or responses they had to the video. What person or statement put forth in the video particularly interested them? (5 min.)
- 4) Divide the group into small groups of 3-5 people. Ask small group members to answer the following questions (25 min.):
  - Describe a piece of land that you or your family owns, care for, or to which you feel special attachment. Do you think of your land as “sacred”?
  - Please share your hopes for the future of your sacred land. Identify up to five things that would make it possible for you to fulfill those hopes.
- 5) Gather the whole group together. Call on each small group to share the main points of their time together. (5 min.)
- 6) Provide the list of available organizations that work toward the preservation of land in this area. Briefly describe each one. (5 min.)

### **30 Minute Meeting**

- 1) Introduction - (2 Min.) Welcome. This video is an interview with land owners in Nelson, Marion and Washington counties. They share their thoughts about preservation of their land.
- 2) Watch video (8 min.)
- 3) Ask people in the group to call out one-sentence responses they had to the video.

- 4) Divide the group into small groups of 3-5 people. Ask small group members to answer the following questions (15 min.):
  - Describe a piece of land that you or your family owns, care for, or to which you feel special attachment, your “sacred land”.
  - Please share your hopes for the future of your sacred land. Identify three things that would make it possible for you to fulfill those hopes.
- 5) Provide the list of available organizations that work toward the preservation of land in this area.

### **15-20 Minute Meeting**

- 1) Introduction - Welcome. This video is an interview with land owners in Nelson, Marion and Washington counties. They share their thoughts about preservation of their land.
- 2) Watch video (8 min.)
- 3) Invite individuals in the group to share what thoughts came to them as they watched the video. (5-10 min.) Encourage thoughts about land they own or that is in their family.
- 4) Provide the list of available organizations that work toward the preservation of land in this area.