



This can be used as an invocation or opening. It addresses the interfaith nature of our work. It can be found at <http://www.nccusa.org/nmu/mce/crisis-worship-and-prayer.html>

**To Our Common Cause** by Rev Cannon Lloyd Casson

*Leader:*

In an era of planetary crises, we as people of faith are coming together.

**Response:**

We come together because our love for god and our care for creation inspires it; our concern for justice, freedom and peace demands it; and what we can learn from each other requires it.

*Leader:*

Baha'i, Hindu-Jain, Islamic, Jewish, Latter-Day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Sikh, we have begun to listen together to the spirit within our varied and venerable traditions.

**Response:**

In spite of our differences, we share many principles which spring forth from the teachings of each of our faith traditions.

*Leader:*

We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

**Response:**

A sense of the sacredness of the individual person and each one's conscience.

*Leader:*

A sense of the value of human community, and the role in the interdependent web of life.

**Response:**

A realization that might is not right; that human power is not self-sufficient or absolute, and that in god is our trust.

*Leader:*

A belief that love, compassion, selflessness, and the force of inner truthfulness and the spirit have ultimately greater power than hate, greed, and inordinate self-interest.

**Response:**

A sense of obligation to stand on the side of the poor, the hungry and the oppressed, and to serve the cause of Eco-justice for All.

*Leader:*

A profound hope that good choices for All of Creation finally will prevail.

**Response:**

Because we affirm these convictions held in common, we also affirm one another in our different religious and cultural expressions. Because we affirm our differences, we also affirm the validity of the diverse efforts and gifts which we each bring to the common cause of Caring for Creation. Because we affirm our role in the world, we also affirm our commitment to stand together as a unified force for its social and moral benefit, and to be a symbol of living together in diversity which the creator intends for all creation.