The Condor & The Eagle Film Discussion and Reflection Guide

Thank you for taking the time as a congregation to screen the documentary, The Condor and The Eagle. We hope that these reflection questions will help you connect some of the themes in the film to the justice work that you have been (and will be) doing as a congregation.

Before you begin, please take time for people to sit in a circle and reflect (one by one) on their main takeaways from the movie. The goal is not to discuss or debate, but to hear one another’s different understandings. If the overall group is large and there isn’t time for everyone to speak, breaking into smaller groups is a good option.

After taking time to hear one another’s reflections, please take time to discuss the following:

1. What are the things you have done as a congregation to address environmental degradation (i.e., Green Sanctuary program, etc.)? How do these actions align/not align with some of the messages of the movie?

2. Historically, the mainstream U.S. environmental movement has centered on how dominant society treats the earth, but not how it treats people. Why does this movie center on the stories of the particular communities it focuses on?

3. How do the fights highlighted in this film connect to the justice priorities your congregation is currently working on? How does it connect to the to the 7th Principle? [Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.]

4. Please take a couple of minutes to share your group’s reflections here!

Additional Learnings and Resources

- Check Out This Book: As Long As Grass Grows
- This interactive map and app can help you learn whose territory you are in
- Here is a worksheet on Indigenous Resistance and Colonization to unlearn/relearn the history and current struggles of Indigenous people on the land you are on and to begin thinking about your place and role in these struggles of colonization and resistance
- Here is a guide to help you open meetings, gatherings, and comings together with an Indigenous land acknowledgement
- Extractive projects often lead to increased violence against Indigenous women and children, especially because of “man camps.” Learn More information here.
- Check Out The Indigenous Solidarity Network which initially grew out of SURJ, Catalyst and other folks work at Standing Rock and following ongoing solidarity efforts with Standing Rock fighting the DAPL pipeline and to protect the water.

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