

MANUAL FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Written by the WGD Committee Suriname

2 March 2018 "All God's Creation is Very Good!" Service

Orientation Prepare a table with fabrics that show the colors of the Suriname flag (red, green, white and yellow). Drape a dark green cover under a multicolored bouquet of flowers of Ixora (jungle geranium) and heliconia. The dark green tablecloth reflects the colour of the Amazon rainforest. The multicolored bouquet symbolizes the ten districts in Suriname and the ethnic diversity of the population. Arrange the tropical flowers and palm fruits on the altar. You can use forest fruits such as attalea maripa (maripa palm), astrocaryum vulgare (Tucumã palm), elaeis guineensis (African oil palm).

Find photos of the country's coat of arms, flag, map; Surinamese books, musical instruments (maracas, apinti-drum, tabla, gamelan), earth fruits such as fried cassava, pimba (white clay), açai, rice, bananas; And a real one or a picture of a bottle of alumina, a piece of bauxite or a small bar of gold; A bottle of crude oil, seeds of the krapa tree (adiroba), and a number of works of art, sculptures or paintings.

Create the opportunity to learn more about the country before or after the celebration. You can decide to show pictures, play the Suriname music CD, learn the theme song or start a conversation. Enjoy a number of products related to the diverse culture of Suriname, such as a glass of tamarind juice, ginger beer or orgeade (almond syrup), a piece of viadoe (cake with condensed fruit), bojo (cassava cake), barra (fried type of dumpling), baka bana (Baked bananas), spring roll (spring roll), or somosa (baked pastry).

At the beginning of the celebration, Leader 1 brings the Bible to the altar table and leaves the Bible open on Genesis 1. Leader 2 will light the candle before reading Genesis 1:1-31 from the Bible.

When entering the church, everyone should be given a small map in the form of a mangrove tree or sea turtle. Please note that all participants are invited to write down a personal promise/commitment to handle god's creation with care. The card is collected at the offering. After the offering, Leader 3 must quickly flip through the cards and select a few clear devotion cards to read aloud later in the service.

You may invite up to seven women (including young women or girls) to represent the women of Alice Pomstra-Elmont's artwork. They can wear a typical dress/costume or only a typical headscarf to identify the origin such as: Indigenous (Indigenous inhabitant wears a shoulder cloth and a headband), Maroons (African descendant wears a pangi and a head scarf or braided hair), Chinese (wears a red shanghai Dress), Creole (wears a koto/skirt, blouse and anisa/ headscarf), Boeroes (The Netherlands wears a Dutch folkloric dress), Hindustani (India wears a sari and horni/head scarf), and Javanese (Indonesia wears a sarong/skirt and klambi/blouse). This series of readers has the same order as that of the women in the artwork from left to right (see the painting). Prepare the conversation and group activity for the meditation moment in advance. Maybe you can find someone from Suriname who can pray the "Our Father" prayer in Sranan, or share some insights about the country. Visit the website of WDP Suriname <http://wgdsuriname.wix.com/wgdsuriname>

Bijbellezing

Leader 2: (Light the candle on the altar table and read from the Bible) Let's listen to the words of God from Genesis 1:1-31. (Invite all to say: "A heri Grontapu di Gado meki bun doro, dóro!" Every time the reader says, "And God saw that it was good" in verses 10, 12, 18, 21, 26, 31)

Play Worship (after consideration + leader 3)

(Have 3 people perform the game below)

Orientation for a group reflection and activity:

Invite 3 people to join the game that leads to the group conversation.

Someone walks into the room and throws a garbage bag on the floor. Someone watches and starts a conversation and asks what is in the bag, why is it there and what would be a good way to treat the waste. Meanwhile, a third party comes in to observe the situation, and picks up the garbage bag. The two others then ask the third person, the reason and purpose of picking up the garbage bag.

You can adapt the conversation to the local environmental issue, but the emphasis should be that what God created is good, including nature and people. We are called to take care of each other. Nature gives so much to human life, which is why we are called to care for God's creation, not to destroy for the greed of people or corporations. You can also use the artwork/front plate painted for the liturgy by marking the hands that receive "the Divine gift" and pass it on to the next generation (see the artist's statement).

Here's an example for a conversation to raise awareness of how waste collection, waste separation, recycling, composting and materials reuse improve the well-being of our community and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, thereby making our contribution to global climate change by keeping the earth cooler.

While the person separates the organic from the non-organic waste, an explanation can be given: organic waste (leaves, vegetables, eggshell, flowers, newspapers, etc.) become natural fertilizers for trees and gardens; And the non-organic (clothing, leather shoes, plastic products, PET bottles, cans, glass jars, etc.) can be recycled into new products if properly separated. Aluminum cans, plastic bottles and newspapers can be disposed of at collection points, glass jars can be reused at home, plastic bags can be replaced with long-life bags, disposable diapers by cotton diapers, etc.

The two others join in the separation of the dirt and add to the conversation about the fact that such a small thing as a bottle cap can hold water and create an environment favorable for the mosquito *Aedes aegypti* to lay their eggs in. The infected mosquito can spread the virus of Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika. It is good for people in the community not to leave objects that can contain stagnant water and thus create breeding grounds for the muskets.

Then some questions for group discussion can be suggested: How good is God's creation? What can you do to keep it right? Take a few minutes for a group or a few conversations. Invite them to write down a personal devotion to creation on the cards they have previously received. The cards must be collected during the offering, but separately from the money.

Leader 3 concludes this moment with the reading as recorded in the liturgy. (Ashumans, we make promises we don't keep,.....)

Prayer and Prayer of Thanks

Play appropriate music from the CD during collection

(Do as usual in the municipality. You can indicate the purpose of the WGD offering. Please invite the people to deposit the cards, with the written promises to take care of the creation, during collection of the offering. After prayer, pass the cards on to Leader 3.)

Proposal by forebea:

Solo vocals:

For the fruit of all creation. Author: Fred Pratt Green (1970). © 1970 Hope Publishing Company. The Moravian Book of Worship #449. Moravian Church in America. Unitas Fratrum.