Water-Ecology

UN World Water Day – March 22, 2022
“Groundwater – Making the Invisible Visible”

“Water is a stream that nourishes us all as it moves from the sky to the ground and rises again, it nurtures each of us. It is the one system from whence we all drink. Let us care for the water as we care for our children.”

Venerable Khandro Dhyani Ywahoo
Chief of the Green Mountain Band of the Ani Yun Wi Wa

Groundwater is invisible, but its impact is visible everywhere. Out of sight, under our feet, groundwater is a hidden treasure that enriches our lives.

Almost all of the liquid freshwater in the world is groundwater. As climate change gets worse, groundwater will become more and more critical. We need to work together to sustainably manage this precious resource. Groundwater may be out of sight, but it must not be out of mind.

Learn

- Overview
  Protecting Groundwater in Our Aquifers (5m)
  Droughts, floods, consumerism, and border practices endanger invisible groundwater, especially harming the poor. Changes are needed to recharge life-sustaining groundwater. (22m30s)

Pray

- Living Water
  ...we drink deep of the living water, we who are thirsty for your grace.

Act

You are invited to gather with others to view at least one of the videos suggested in this edition. Then question

- See a group engaged in a 4-yr water walk...(+/-2m)

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To help make groundwater more visible in each of the three continents where we minister: check out some of the concerns as illustrated in the three following videos...

Ottawa County running out of water (3m30s)

Conflict over use of water in Peru (10m)

Groundwater potential in Africa (10m)

2 key messages of the UN’s 2022 campaign:

- Groundwater crosses borders.
  We must work together to manage transboundary groundwater resources.

- Groundwater will play a critical role in adapting to climate change. We must protect and explore groundwater, balancing the needs of people and the planet.

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