

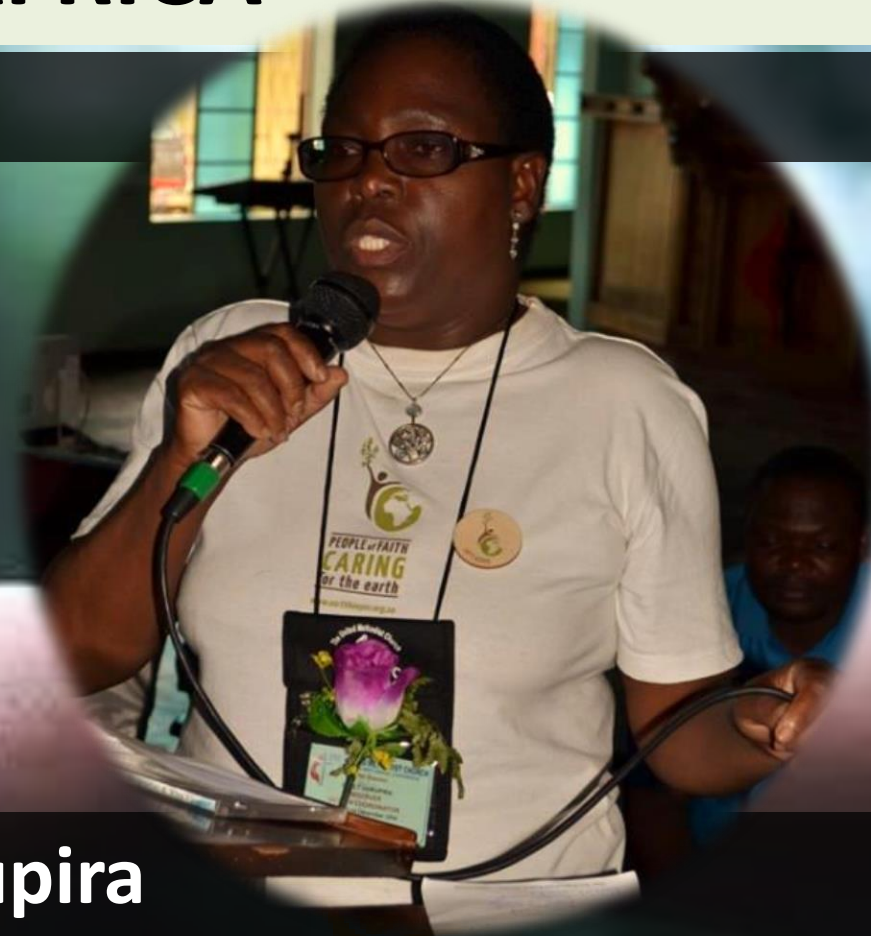
**PRESENTATION FOR AGRICULTURE SUMMIT  
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**TOPIC: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND  
SUSTAINABILITY IN THE ZIMBABWE EPISCOPAL  
AREA**

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# SALUTATIONS

- **The Agriculture Summit leaders and all Good Earth Keepers. I am humbled to share with you today the work I am doing in Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability in The Zimbabwe Episcopal Area.**
- What follows in these presentations are practical work happening in the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church.



# INTRODUCTION

- **My journey started with a training by the Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI). Bible Reference: Genesis 1 vs 26 – 30/ Genesis 2 vs 15. From that time I have never looked back.**
- **What follows in these presentations are practical work happening in the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church.**

# Scope of Presentation

- My presentation is mainly going to be pictorial to show evidence of what we are doing .
- We are doing programs on Tree planting, Waste Management , ,Water and Electricity Management, Awareness on avoiding veld fires and Nutrition and Organic Gardening where people are taught to use natural resources in gardening, as well as ways to avoid soil erosion in farming .
- We make use of songs e.g. ***'We must not throw litter everywhere'***.
- My Bishop, Pastors and church members are being involved in different ways to be Good Earth keepers.

# PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

- **The first project I did was to source 2 000 seedling trees from Nyaradzo Funeral Company (Friends of the Environment).**
- **My Bishop was the first to plant a tree and all the other Pastors, Delegates and Observers were given seedling trees to plant at their homes after the awareness at the Annual Conferences.**
- **The Friends of the Environment give seedling trees to bereaved families as a way to replace trees used in making coffins and caskets so they value trees.**

# Tree Planting



Nyaradzo Funeral Company (Friends of the Environment) hands over a tree to the Bishop

# From Theory to Practice



Rebecca demonstrating how to plant the trees.



**DS. Rev. Bopani planting her tree at the Conference**





- **Rebecca demonstrating tree planting at a Muslim School.**
- **She is working with other faith leaders besides United Methodist Church.**

# Organic Gardening



- **Women were trained to do organic gardening at Fambidzanai Permaculture.**
- **There are a lot of advantages in this farming. e.g. You can produce your own manure and the vegetables are healthy.**

# Organic Gardening – Women in the Trenches



# Women were trained to make pesticides using herbs.



# Waste Management Awareness



- **Poor waste management is among the major environmental challenges the nation of Zimbabwe is facing.**
- **Earth keepers have been trained.**



**Waste Management Awareness programs are being done at Revivals.**

# COMMUNITY CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN



**Our church has a great role to play in helping our country come out of this environmental eyesore.**



**Emmanuel, the son of Rev. Maforo leading the clean-up campaign.**

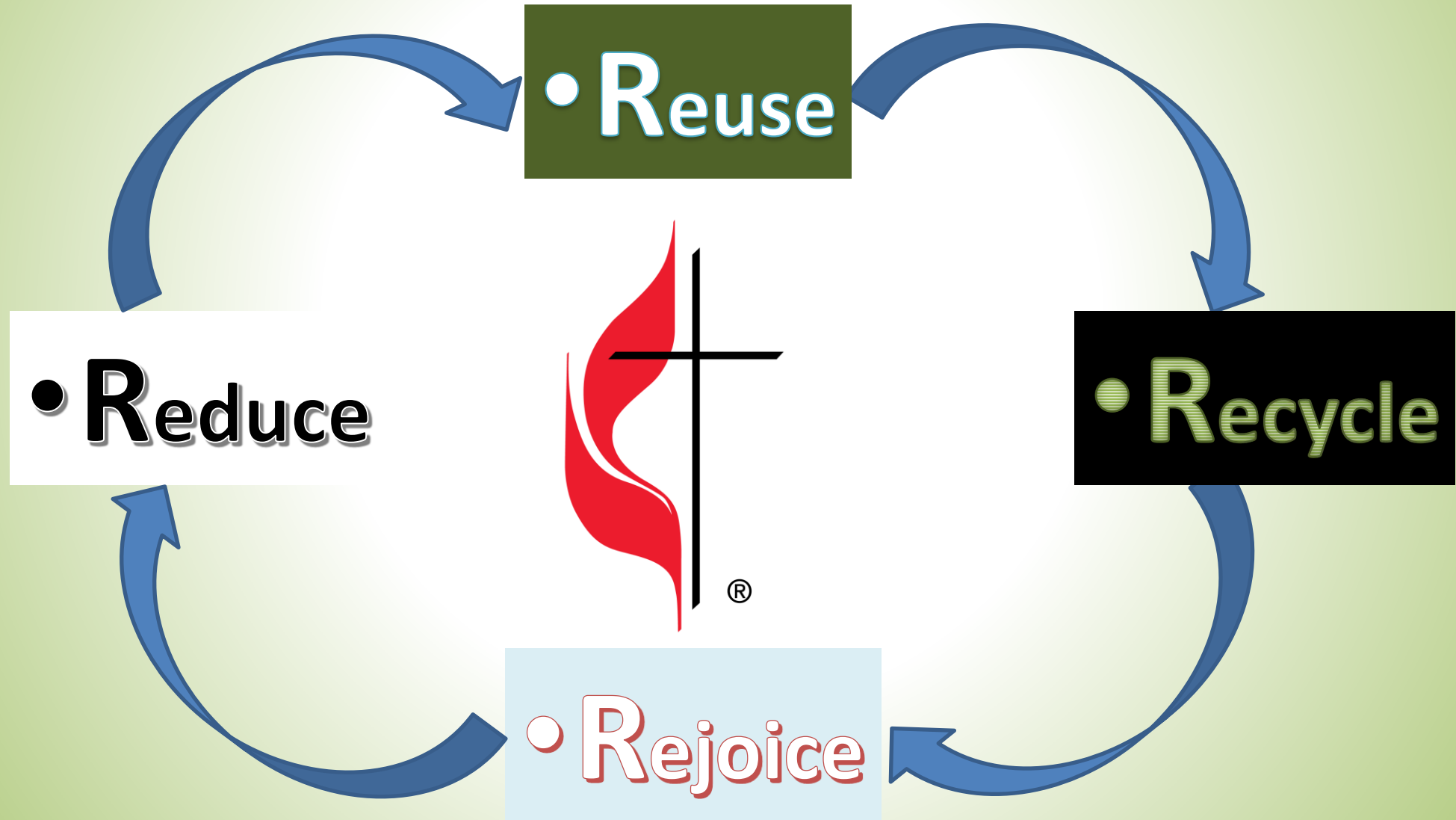




A lot of clean up campaigns are taking place. The Environmental Management Agency (EMA) helps by providing some of the resources.

As a Church we are saying **“Zero Tolerance to litter – It is everyone’s responsibility”**.

**The 4 R's approach should be used.**



# Corporates Supporting the Green Initiatives





**Women are trained on How to Make the WONDER BAG**



**Women were also taught how to prevent veld fire by creating fire guides.**

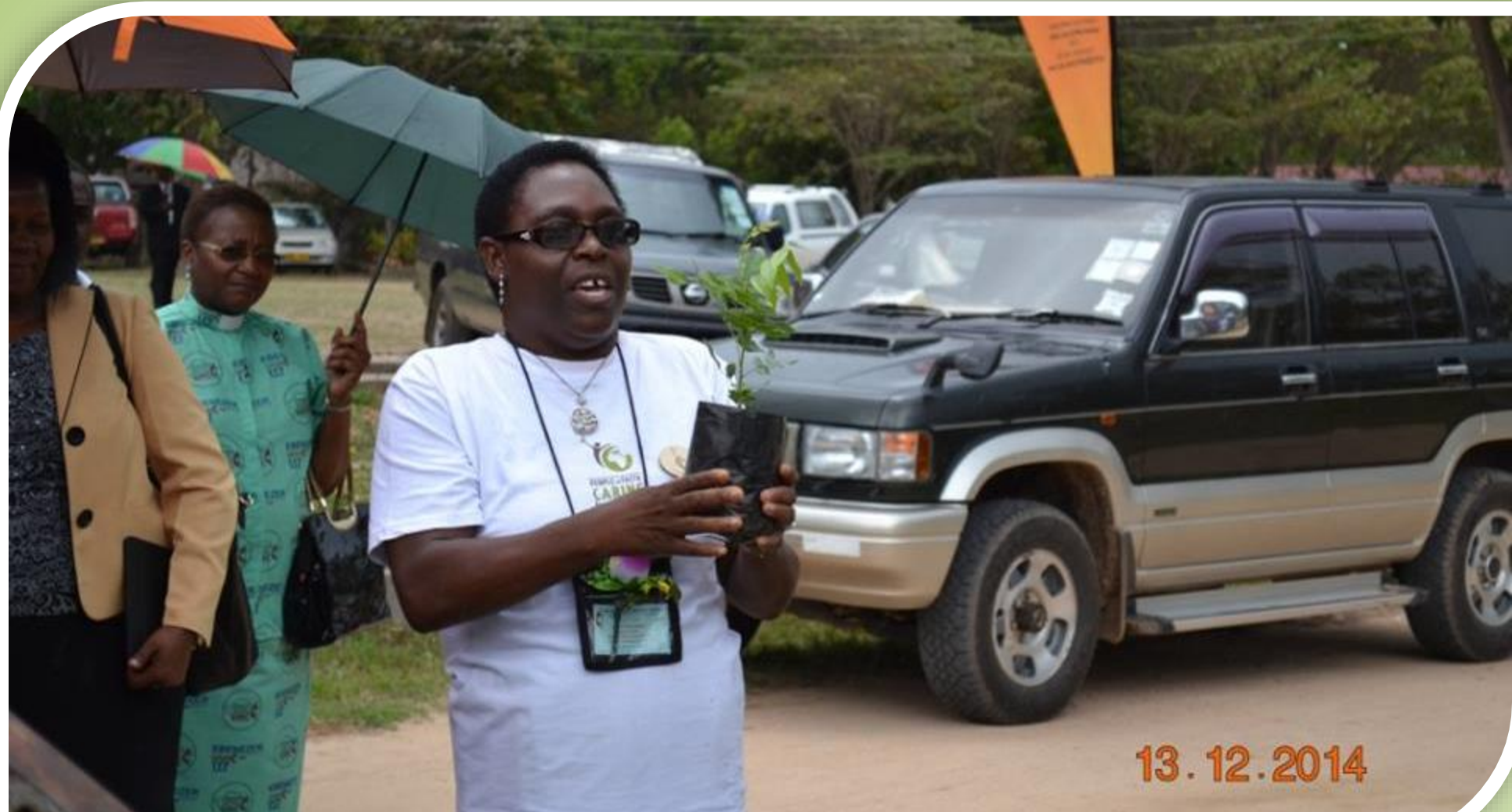
# REFLECTIONS

- I usually pause these questions:
- ‘Why should I as a person of faith be concerned about environmental issues’?
- How does climate change affect us, our health, water, agriculture, biodiversity?
- Whose issue is climate change?
- What can I as a person of faith do about it? The good answers will lead us to be good earth keepers.

# CONCLUSION

- **Besides spreading the word, the churches in Zimbabwe are doing great things in taking care of the environment e.g. filling potholes, litter picking, providing bins and use own trucks to carry rubbish.**
- **Let's continue to be Good Earth Keepers, we were entrusted by God to be given the power to take care of his beautiful earth.**





**Thank you**

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