

An invitation to help our climate challenge.

The residents from a number of Kendal Communities are working together to find solutions to our growing concern for the world's climate changes. The group operates via zoom with monthly general meetings (typically 8 campuses and 25 residents), meetings of the steering committee (of which our representative this spring is me), and meetings of the three project focus groups. These groups meet for detailed discussions about activity in their areas and practical suggestions for action. The three following statements capture their mission and serve to introduce you to the focus of their work. If you are ready to become engaged across the Kendal family, please read through the three statements and let me know of your interest in being on the mailing list for the General Membership meetings or a desire to join one of three focus groups. We as yet do not have anyone from Crosslands on the education team.

- **Greening Our Campuses:** We will think globally and act locally. Our goal is to get each Kendal campus to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. To do this, we will build on the past work we have done by individual residents at various Kendals and create a space for increased cross-campus collaboration on greening initiatives. We will include as many Kendal residents as possible in our greening tactics to demonstrate the interest in increasing energy efficiency to the Kendal administration, even if the primary focus of some of those residents may be in other greening tactics like recycling or land management instead!

- **Advocacy:** We support action at the local, state, and national level to advance a climate-safe world. As elder activists we will: educate ourselves about up-coming key decisions in legislatures and regulatory agencies that will impact our ability to green our campuses; take timely actions to influence policymakers at all levels of government; form alliances with other elder organizations as we take these actions; and use our knowledge and wisdom to educate our Kendal communities and the broader public about how we can leave our children and grandchildren a climate safe world.

- **Education:** The deep purpose of the Education realm is to engage our fellow residents more fully in addressing the climate challenge as it affects our personal lives, those of our loved ones, our communities, and ultimately the health and future flourishing of our planet home. We will achieve this by Informing the Kendal community in ways that deepen our individual and collective understanding of the nature and urgency of the climate challenge, and at the same time inspiring residents to take positive and effective action to address it.

I would be happy to add you to the membership roster and share the appropriate resources with you!

Thank you,

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