Emersion Experience

Department of Environment

The Church and Eco Theology – The Whole creation has been groaning as the pains of childbirth right up to the present time (Romans 8:22)

What did you see? Historical significance

Mangroves- 170 acres of protected wetlands, state funded, and private funded coral spawning and coral rehabilitation being done. The importance of natural care, animal rehabilitation (turtle spawning, fish spawning, even blue iguana rehabilitation from 12 to over a thousand) To be applauded. Mangroves are protective plants that are deeply rooted, saves that land from harsh environments, it houses nurseries for fishes, birds, crustations and other sea life.

But the threat is anthropogenic/ human created- development- building, homes etc.

The double hit effect cruise ships visits damage the coral, but if there is no coral, there is no sting ray area and fish homes. Beach erosion, flooding.

The Theological Questions:

How is the Church becoming the Mangrove of the society- protecting the vulnerable, a safe space for the smaller in society, how is the church becoming the safe space for the birds, fish crabs, turtles and different peoples of the world? Or are we supporting the humanization and the anthropogenic destruction of society.

How is the Church giving focus to global issues of environmental disregard, if there is no environment the people suffer. Is not the care of the land and sea a major part of our ministry. We speak of Feeding, nurturing the lamb and the sheep, but how many of us see this is not just humans, but the whole creation.

I leave you with the premise that the late Jurgen Moltmann argues that the creation and redemption are inextricably connected

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