



THE BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Deborah,

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate, more than you know, your kind words, — and, more especially the ministry you and your husband have in Waverton (and beyond!)

Thank you too for the excerpt — It reminded me of my favorite poet, Jorge Luis Borges

who wrote: "It may be every ant we trample on is single before God, who counts on it for the unfolding of the measured laws which regulate His curious universe."

Again, my thanks and best wishes, always.

+ Bob Esler

17 February, 1994



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May 19, 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ferruccio
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Dear Ken and Deborah;

As you know, the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina supports your work centering on the issues pertaining to environmental justice, especially as they concern poor and minority communities and how these issues directly relate to over-all waste reduction.

The church is most concerned about the environmental discrimination that will be the result of closing down local, solid waste landfills by EPA's October 9, 1993 date in order for communities to avoid long-term monitoring costs. This EPA subtitle-D regulation discriminates against the usually poor, minority people who reside near these landfills by precluding monitoring assurances after five years.

The church is also concerned about how regional landfills perpetuate injustice and environmental racism by asking one community to shoulder the waste problems of a region and beyond. From what we have been told, Warren County did not want to host such a regional landfill, and it should not ask another community to take its waste.

Concerning the present problems of the PCB landfill, we support your efforts in helping to determine a solution that is equitable to the people who live near the landfill but one which does not require discriminating against another community. A long-term solution such as neutralization of the PCBs would seem to be most prudent for everyone.

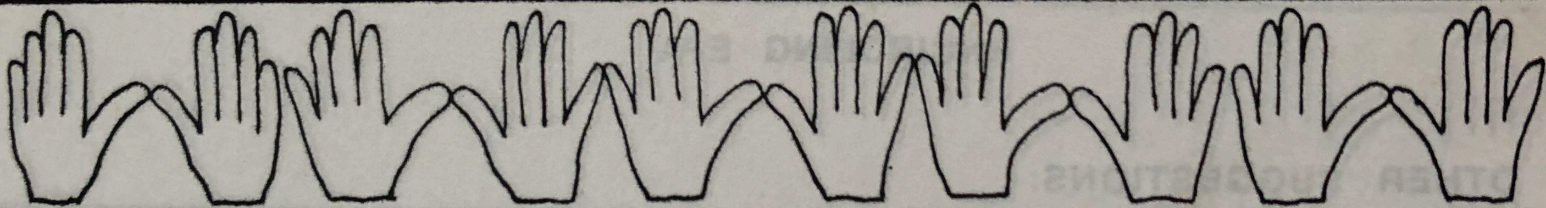
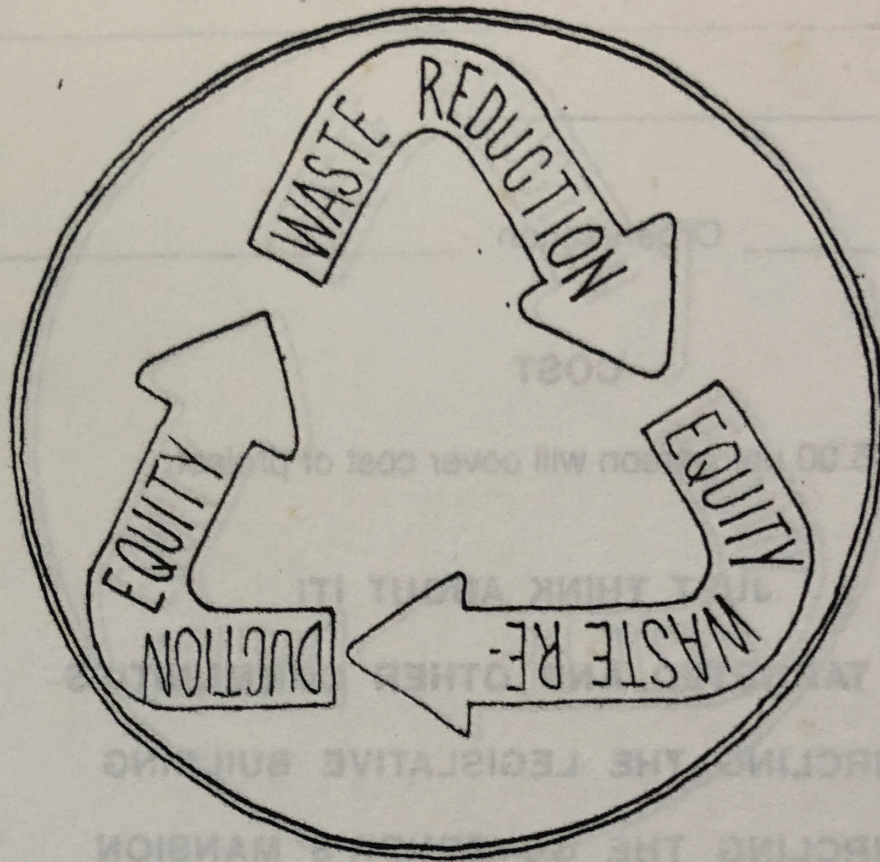
Our diocese has been instrumental in helping form the North Carolina Land Stewardship Council, an ecumenically based environmental coalition. We realize our responsibility in helping to determine the direction of waste management and environmental justice for all people, and we look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Estill

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Resolution No. 26. Environmental Justice for Warren County

Resolved:

That the 179th Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina reaffirm its 1994 commitment to environmental stewardship and justice by urging Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., to keep his pledge to the citizens of Warren County, North Carolina, to detoxify the PCB/Dioxin landfill without delay now that it is feasible, and therefore to encourage precedents for sound pollution prevention and environmental justice policies for North Carolina; and be it further

Resolved:

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., to Jonathan B. Howes, the state secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, and to Representative Joseph Hackney, Legislative Environmental Review Commission.

Comment:

In May, 1993, the state of North Carolina announced that there was a crisis at the PCB landfill due to 1.4 million gallons of water that threatened and continues to threaten to breach the liner. This "dry tomb" landfill was not designed to accommodate the water, and pumping it out, a "bandaid" solution, is neither acceptable nor possible since the pipes become clogged with mud. To resolve the crisis, the Joint Warren County/State PCB Landfill Working Group was formed. The PCB Landfill working group consists of citizens, local and state officials, and ecumenical and environmental statewide representatives. The Ecumenical Environmental Leadership Coalition, sponsored by Episcopal United Thank Offering and Coalition for Social Witness grants, has been instrumental in helping facilitate the efforts of the Joint Warren County/State PCB Landfill Working Group.

In November 1993⁴ the Joint Warren County/State PCB Landfill Working Group unanimously voted to recommend to the governor that the landfill be detoxified as soon as possible for the following reasons:

-Testing of the landfill contents revealed significant concentrations of highly toxic PCBs and dioxins and furans, including tetra dioxin, the most toxic of all dioxins. Tetra dioxin was also found in groundwater monitoring wells outside of the landfill at levels more than twice as high as EPA's maximum allowed concentration in drinking water. The recent EPA draft reassessment of dioxins confirms previous data indicating that even trace amounts of dioxins can be detrimental to human health and the environment, especially since everyone has already reached the maximum body "threshold."

-Detoxification of the landfill is now feasible, both technologically and economically, and the PCB Landfill Working Group has recommended Base Catalyzed Decomposition (BCD), a dechlorination process that is EPA-approved in North Carolina and is effectively being used in similar waste sites in Morrisville and Statesville, North Carolina.

Environmental Stewardship Committee