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### 1. How has global change affected our communities and ourselves?

Global Change has affected our communities in a number of ways. Likewise, such changes have also had certain effects on us—be they direct or indirect, large or subtle. Now, since it is common knowledge that Global Change is divided into categories, we will cite changes in Health, Climate, and Society.

Health is specifically cited because of most of these changes in subject are adverse. The more changes in the natural flow of things occur, the more detrimental changes in health are contributed.

#### Health Change

- The greenhouse effect is being felt in the whole world.
- Pollution makes us physically sick
  - a.) Pollutes our drinking water supply
  - b.) The chemical evaporation from industrial firms results to irritation of our skin and also affects our lungs
- Pollution makes us mentally-tortured which leads us to not function well in the spiritual aspect

Now, because of the vast industries proliferating all over the world, certain changes have caused the distortion of climate. To note, these changes have, in turn, caused severe distress everywhere imaginable and some have not been able to cope.

#### Climate Change

- Abnormal state of our weather
- Ice melts in the mountainous parts of Nepal which increases the level of glacier
- Untimely heavy rainfall resulting to flood (epidemic diseases would be an outcome)
- El Niño and La Niña (destroy the agricultural land)

Socially, we have all been affected. Likewise, any major occurrence in a certain community is bound to affect its neighbors until a communal ideology spreads globally and validates itself as a contributor to Global Change. The cycle never ends. Each distortion leads to another, and another, and another, and so on.

#### Social/Communal Change

- Poverty leads to different forms of crimes
- Migration to other countries
- Social gap is broadened - "Rich becomes richer, poor becomes poorer"

Global change can affect in my life through technologies and climates. Regarding this matter, the

technologies existing yearly. I need to adjust my life style and I need to change, as long my intimate relationship with God could not be broken farther.

## Query 2.

As my faith in action, I will voice out my suggestion thru writing not confronting the leaders of our municipality, that everyone has a responsibility educated or uneducated must be aware regarding the mother Nature. I believe that everyone can make to plant the trees and recycle their own garbage. That will start with inspiration and compassion of how to save the God creation.

Also to note, we each have our own ways of helping through our livelihoods. Shiny and Youngtaek are educators in the field of sciences. Kristine is a student advocate for environmental protection, while Ludwig is an advocate for social reform on equality of rights. Both of the latter are also advocates for peace and unity through interfaith dialog.

In a lot of ways, several activities that we go through every single day affect global change. Be the effects minimal, they still contribute to the general picture and we recognize this fact. Every single step we take with each foot has a positive as well as an adverse tinge. We have activities each day that help the predicament relieve, as well as those that contribute to enlarging our carbon footprints.

India, for example has a lot of industrial activities going on. Likewise, they have initiatives on social change and environmental management. In South Korea, they have a vast transportation industry and, likewise, a newly risen green-based economic strategy. In the Philippines, we also have industrial activities, and, in contrast, a current environmental management tactic aims to plant over a billion trees within six years to aid in the absorption of carbon dioxide. Moreover, all our countries have gone back to appropriate technological and environmentally friendly methods of agriculture.

To conclude this response to **Query #2**, we'd like to borrow a quote from one of the world's most influential role models for peace.

**“ We must be the change we wish to see in the world. ”**

- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- 4. initiating public awareness and encouraging people to speak out opinions
  - a. Various positive things especially in youth about population control measures
    - i. Programs on family planning
- 5. Campaign for Equality (gender, religious, caste)

### Query 3.

My role is to encourage the people surrounding me and showing the right things for the better works of the sake of mother Nature.

I will start in my own house and community because I do believe that all started in my own life and become good examples to other people. For being Christian I might e a good example and shine for Jesus.

For me I am not affected [changes around us affecting our relationship with God] as long as my life is not slave of technologies nor under control of the computer. What does mean, I heard in the news that some people have a chip. The purpose of chip is to protect their money from the burglar. For me, better not to be slave of technologies by injecting the chip or in the Bible 666. Some people have this, like Chris Aquino, the popular actress of the Philippines. As Christians, I am very sensitive regarding the spirituality and I often studied if the situation is better work or worst.

[changes around us] our relationship with God become stronger. We are stewards of this creation. We are conscious of thinkgs that may be good or bad contributions to the changes in the world. The role of faith is our community to being the agency of hope. We help our community through one of our projects. 'recycling management program' where we collect rubbish that blocks the water drainage in our village and we sort them out into plastics, papers, biodegradables and non biodegradable, etc. Then we bring them to centers that recycle them.

#### Query 4

Schools taught children about the cases and effect of global warming

Government implied the law of stopping the logging system and many activities held in saving the forest here.

Drainage were cleaned, trash was taken out of it.

## Query 6

- ⤴ we can support by giving example of the Bible in Genesis [How beautiful our God's creation].
- ⤴ By loving and protect our nature and environment
- ⤴ support non-violence and peacefulness as a good example of simplicityof life
- ⤴ helping the indigenious people
- ⤴ teaching some young children in Sunday school
- ⤴ giving the message of equality
- ⤴ come more closer to God by doing this: love, peacefulness, hope, obedient

