In response to our promise to **strive for justice and peace among all people**, the Diocesan Global Goals Task Force is charged to create a Diocesan-wide movement to promote awareness of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to help congregations develop plans to assist in their achievement. The Sustainable Development Goals are a worldwide effort to **end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and combat climate change**; the SDGs build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals. The Global Goals Task Force encourages congregations to develop international partnerships and supports such work through Diocesan Matching Grants.

In 2016 the Global Goals Task Force awarded matching grants, totaling $16985.76, to 18 parishes in the Diocese. These funds from the Diocesan budget matched monies raised by the parishes and supported the international development and human rights efforts of:

- Episcopal Relief and Development
- Commission to Every Nation
- The Diocese of Ecuador (for disaster relief)
- Foundation Cristosal, El Salvador
- Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA), Malawi
- Good Shepherd Home, Cameroon
- Good Shepherd Sustainable Learning Foundation
- Heifer International
- International Justice Mission
- Redemption School, Haiti
- Tropical Clinics
- World Vision

The Global Goals are an agenda for justice. If you are passionate about international development and have a heart for the poor, please get involved. Global Goals Task Force members are available to serve as resources for developing your international partnership, fundraising plans, or educational programs. We have a deep bench of talented preachers who could serve as a guest preacher.

Please contact us at globalgoalstf@gmail.com.