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Why did you agree to serve on this committee?

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization, and as part of our mission and obligation we want families to be able to live and prosper in a good home and a safe place. Making this a healthy planet is part of that work.

What specific concerns do you have about the wellbeing of the earth, "our common home?"

Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent and affordable housing for families in need. The indoor and outdoor quality of life go hand and hand. Energy-efficient homes help decrease our dependence on all forms of energy.

What message do you want to convey about care of the earth?

Everyone has the ability to make a difference and improve the space they occupy on this small planet. Today I can help. Today I will support this living space.

How can Vermont Catholics participate in the care of the earth?

Know that you make a difference, good or bad. Read and listen for the conversations on how you in your daily environment can care for the earth. That's earth with a small "e" because it's the small space under your feet and within your view. It's not that big of a job if we all do it.

What do you say to people who do not understand/believe the seriousness of the situation of the earth?

If we lead by example and encourage those we know, we can move mountains—or better yet, preserve them.

What motivates you in your work to protect our earth?

My work is helping families get into simple, decent and affordable housing. If the earth beneath and around those homes is not healthy, the families will not be healthy—physically or spiritually. It is all connected.