Dear GEAA Members and Friends,

I hope you will join us in celebrating that today is *World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation*. Whether or not you are a person of faith, this is a value that all of us share as we unite behind support of preserving our water resources here in Central Texas.

Here at the GEAA office, our resources have been stretched to the max as we try to address issues associated with all the growth and new development within our region. Toward that end, we have put together a suite of projects to foster growth that is consistent with the need to protect the Edwards and Trinity aquifer watersheds, and the indigenous wildlife and culture of the Hill Country region. Calls for assistance from our Technical Assistance Program, however, are exceeding our capacity as new projects incompatible with our vision of a sustainable future are popping up with increasing frequency.

"...we wish to offer our contribution toward overcoming the ecological crisis which humanity is living through," Pope Francis wrote in a letter addressed to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. It is this spirit of cooperation that we celebrate today in appreciation that we all, in our own way, contribute to giving back to the earth that nourishes us. Thank you to all of you.

Sincerely,

Annalisa Peace

Executive Director

Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance