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Dear Friends,

This year seemed like it couldn't wait to get over and throw us into 2020. It's hard to fathom that we're on the cusp of a new roaring 20s decade. This one, though, while sure to be very different from the 1920s in many ways, also seems it will have a lot of similarities.

Mass consumerism, economic prosperity and flappers that surely would've been taken tons of selfies if that technology had existed. It was fun times before things descended into chaos.

We'll have to see what exactly the 2020s have in store for us. Before we close the chapter on 2019, there were some memorable highlights of it for the world and for Transition Earth.

Globally, we saw the rise of Extinction Rebellion and youth protesting inaction on climate change. There was also a big media uptick in stories of millennials questioning having kids in the face of possible environmental collapse, with BirthStrike being one of the main faces of that 'movement.' Encouragingly, we saw more news stories mentioning population growth, which is a good sign for our work.

For us at Transition Earth, here are some of our highlights for the past year:

- Standing room only public event - **End of Ice: A Conversation on Climate, Population & Consumption** with Dahr Jamail, journalist and author of *The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption* and Stephanie Feldstein of Center for Biological Diversity
- **Nature Needs Half** - joining this movement that advocates for having fifty percent of the planet under protection by 2030
- UN event - panel on reproductive rights and the environment at the **UN Civil Society conference**
- **Creating a population consciousness** - moving forward on a campaign to guide and promote discussion of population growth
- Articles published in **Wild Hope** magazine and the anthology **Rewilding Earth Unplugged**
- Launching the **Women's Climate Centers International** collaborative project with partners in East Africa and the U.S.

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Next year will see our work continue on much of the above. We'll keep making the connection between population, health and environment, with voluntary family planning being central to linking planetary health with human health.

Thank you to our community of supporters, who give us assistance in so many different and vital ways. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 510.517.4082 or Suzanne@transition-earth.org.

Warm regards,



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