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Preface

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Change begins with awareness, which is supported by thoughtfulness, which is founded through the process of reflection. Our sense of *voice* enables us to articulate and communicate the deeper message of change and allows us to contemplate the real issues that affect our earth. No one process constitutes the act of voice, as it is a compilation of observations that when expressed, echo our sentiments, our understandings, and our deliberations about what to say when we need to share knowledge about sustainability, conservation, and climate change.

Our choices to make change are often driven by necessity, perceived or real. When vulnerable life groups such as gorillas encroached in forests, birds caught in jet streams, and humans suffocated by hoards of plastic, clear and effective climate change strategies need to be voiced, debated, determined, and dedicated towards the protection of the Earth. Change begins with a voice: sometimes small, sometimes loud, sometimes deep, and sometimes empowering.

The authors in the *Earth Common Journal: The Voice of Change Volume 3, Number 1 2013* are cognizant of how voice works to affect change. They have observed, experienced, engaged, and have been the recipient of change.

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