

EarthCare Connections

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Special Points of Interest:

- Faith Climate Action Week Kit
- Earth Day Action Tool Kit
- Suggestions for Earth Month
- April Film Series
- Bring Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity to Your Community
- EarthCare Mentoring Call

On April 22, 1970, over 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, auditoriums and classrooms across the country to demonstrate for a healthy environment and a sustainable way of life. The events of that day led to the creation of the US Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. It was the birth of the modern environmental movement. Today, over one billion people in 192 countries participate in Earth Day activities, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

There are many ways in which your Green Team can participate in EarthCare-related activities. Here are but a few.

Faith Climate Action Week Kit

The theme of this year's 2016 *Preach-In on Global Warming*, by [Interfaith Power and Light](#) (IPL) is *Paris and Beyond*. As part of it, April 16-24 has been designated Climate Action Week.

You can participate by registering at www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/programs/preachin and ordering a **Faith Climate Action Week Kit**. The kit includes everything needed to run a successful climate activity with your faith community. The kit is "evergreen" and can be used any time during 2016.

It includes:

- Interfaith Climate Prayer
- (50) Climate Postcards to Senators
- Organizer's Instructions
- Global Warming Fact Sheet
- Faith Climate Voter Petition
- I Love Solar Bumper Sticker

Go to www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/programs/preachin.



Earth Day Action Toolkit

Another organization, the [Earth Day Network](#) offers an [Earth Day Action Toolkit](#). As their website states, “In it, you’ll find everything you need to organize an event in your area, including: how to get started, how to reach out to city officials, various project ideas that are easy to implement, ways to spread the word and activate members of the community, plus what to do on the day of your event. Your passion and energy are infectious. They are exactly what the movement needs to inspire individuals, communities, cities and countries all over the world.”

Contents include:

- Earth Day History / We Are Counting Down to Our 50th!
- Trees for the Earth
- How to Get Involved
- Making Your Event Count
- A Billion Acts of Green
- Town Hall Forums
- The Canopy Project
- A Sample of Past Events
- Climate Education Week
- Faith: A Call to Action

See more at www.earthday.org/earth-day/earth-day-toolkit/#sthash.iE4a9caq.dpuf.

Suggestions for Earth Month

In addition, the Unity Worldwide Ministries [EarthCare Ministry Team](#) offers many suggestions for **Earth Month** in the areas of:

1. Pray
2. Vision
3. Inspire
4. Learn
5. Take Action
 - Recycling
 - Waste Minimization
 - Water Conservation & Landscaping
 - Stewardship of Natural Resources
 - Promote Awareness of the interdependence of Creation
6. Share
7. Renew

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Download a copy of “[Suggested Activities](#)” and be sure to check out our other resources on www.UnityWorldwideMinistries.org/earthcare.



April Film Series

Martha Powers with Unity on Cape Cod, Hyannis, Mass., has put together a film series for April that includes:

[Sonic Sea](#)

This film investigates the impact of industrial and military ocean noise on whales and other marine life. Featuring oceans experts and advocates, the film is narrated by Rachel McAdams and also features Sting.

[The Messenger](#)

Imagine a world without birdsong. This extraordinary film with amazing photography reminds us to be grateful for the natural world. The birds are showing us how we are destroying the planet and inspire us to restore and protect what we have.

[Racing Extinction](#)

Based on Elizabeth Kolbert's book "The Sixth Extinction," this film exposes the hidden causes of the rapid extinction of species that's occurring now. From the Academy Award Winning Filmmakers of "The Cove."

[Planetary](#)

Celebrate the Earth with this beautiful film that offers us an extraordinary perspective of our planet and our place as part of it. We are planetary beings who have lost our connection to nature, thereby destroying our home. A wonderful variety of poets, philosophers, scientists, and spiritual leaders remind us of this sacred connection and how it will save us and the planet.

Let's take the momentum from the Paris Climate Summit and build on it!

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Bring Awakening the Dreamer Though Unity to Your Community

The four-year process to adopt the 2 and 3.5 hour versions of this symposium is complete! Unity Worldwide Ministries' EarthCare Ministry Team has partnered with the Pachamama Alliance to create [Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity](#), a program to foster awareness of our spiritual oneness with our Earth home and promote active care of creation.

Unity Worldwide Ministries, through its EarthCare Team, embraces this opportunity to face full-on both the opportunity and challenges of our times in a way that gives energy and hope to healing our planet, while being open to the fact that something greater than ourselves is moving.

See the EarthCare webpage (www.UnityWorldwideMinistries.org/earthcare) for more information as to **how you can bring this powerful event to your church community.**

Mentoring Program

Join David Cordova for mentoring on the second Saturday of the month, **12 p.m. noon, Eastern**, to learn how to form a Green Team or expand your existing EarthCare Program. What a perfect opportunity to share inspiration and provide an inspiring cross-pollination of ideas and encouragement from across the continent. For more information, contact David Cordova, at davecordova@msn.com, or by calling 210.825.8422.