



Unity EarthCare Team
Books and Films

BOOKS

Pray and Inspire

Canticles of the Earth: Celebrating the Presence of God in Nature by F. Lynn Bachleda (Loyola Press, Chicago: 2004).

Earth Prayers: 365 Prayers, Poems and Invocations for Honoring the Earth edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon (Harper Collins Publishers, San Francisco: 1991). Includes calendar of Earth celebrations with suggested prayers.

Earth's Echo: Sacred Encounters With Nature by Robert M. Hamma (Sorin Books, Notre Dame, IN: 2002).

Every Part of This Earth Is Sacred: Native American Voices in Praise of Nature edited by Jana Stone (Harper Collins Publishers, San Francisco).

God at Every Gate: Prayers and Blessings for Pilgrims by Brendan O'Malley (Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA: 1997). A book of Celtic prayers.

With Beauty Before Me: An Inspirational Guide for Nature Walks by Joseph Cornell (Dawn Publications, Nevada City, CA: 2000). A "take-along" pocket book of quotes from many sources.

Poets of the Spirit edited by Don Compton (W.W. West Inc., Bend OR: 2004). Includes a beautiful "Chinook Prayer Ceremony" suitable for group/liturgical reading.

The Soul of the World: A Modern Book of Hours by Phil Cousineau, photographs by Eric Lawton (Harper Collins Publishers, San Francisco: 1993).

When the Trees Say Nothing: Writings on Nature by Thomas Merton, edited by Kathleen Deignan (Sorin Books, Notre Dame, IN: 2003).

Learn and Share

Change the Story, Change the Future: A Living Economy for a Living Earth by David C. Korten. (Berrett-Koehler, 2015).

The Compassionate Universe by Eknath Easwaran (Nilgiri Press, Berkeley, CA: 1989). A seven-week discussion series based on this book, with affirmation cards and bulletin inserts, facilitator guides, Sunday talks, and meditation transcripts is available at www.unitynwregion.org. Go to Programs/EarthCare.

Creation Spirituality by Matthew Fox (Harper Collins Publishers, San Francisco: 1991).

Earthstewards Handbook: A Guide to Healing Ourselves and Healing the Earth by Danaan Parry and Lila Forest (Sunstone Publications, Cooperstown, NY: 1991).

The Dream of the Earth and *The Great Work* by Thomas Berry

The Earth's Imagination and *The Powers of the Universe* CD series, et al by Brian Swimme

Ecological Intelligence: How Knowing the Hidden Impacts of What We Buy Can Change Everything by Daniel Goleman

The Elegant Universe by David Green

Enough by Bill McKibben (Henry Holt, New York 2003).

The Four-Fold Way by Angeles Arrien (Harper Collins Publishers, San Francisco: 1993).

The Hidden Messages in Water by Masaru Emoto (Beyond Words Publishing, Hillsboro, OR: 2004).

Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv. [Read the author's summary](#) where he talks about a connection with nature reducing the symptoms of ADD (attention deficit disorder).

Plan B 3.0 and *Plan B 4.0* by Lester Brown and published by the Earth Policy Institute. *Plan B 3.0* is a report on the conditions of water, oil, atmosphere, soil, and food on the earth and the outline of a plan to restore the earth to a carrying capacity that would work for everyone. *Plan B 4.0* focuses on the conditions that impact our food supply. <http://www.earth-policy.org/books/>

Quantum Theology by Diarmuid O'Murchu

Rare Earth by Ward Brownlee

Reconnecting With Nature: Finding Wellness Through Restoring Your Bond With the Earth by Michael J. Cohen. (Ecopress, Corvallis, OR 1997).

The Sacred Balance: Rediscovering our Place in Nature by David Suzuki (Greystone Books, Vancouver BC: 2002).

The Sacred Tree: Reflections on Native American Spirituality by Four Worlds Development Project (Lotus Light, Wilmot, WI: 1985)

Silent Spring by Rachael Carson (Fawcett Crest, 1964).

The Story of Stuff, with Annie Leonard. Video at: www.storyofstuff.com. A 20-minute, fast paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. *The Story of Stuff* exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world.

Taking Action

50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth by John, Sophie and Jesse Javna (Hyperion Books, New York, NY: 2008).

Clean and Green: the Complete Guide to Nontoxic and Environmentally-Safe Housekeeping by Annien Berthold-Bond (Ceres Press, Woodstock, NY: 1990).

Green Living. Edited by E/The Environmental Magazine (Penguin Books, 2005).

Greening Congregations Handbook: Stories, Ideas, and Resources for Cultivating Creation Awareness and Care in Your Congregation. Available at www.earthministry.org. Includes resource lists by denominations (also interdenominational), plus an appendix of curricular aids, annotated bibliography of books, and a song bibliography.

How to Be Green by John Button (Century Hutchinson, London England: 1989).

A Moving Guide to Earth Care by Unity Church of Portland, OR. Started first Unity Green Team in Northwest Region. Booklet describes how to start a Green Team and has a wealth of suggested activities. Available at unityportland@qwest.net on love-offering basis.

The Recyclers Handbook: Simple Things You Can Do by The Earthworks Group (Earthworks Press, Berkeley, CA: 1990).

Wake Up and Smell the Planet edited by Brangien Davis (Skipstone, Seattle WA: 2007).

FILMS

[Love Thy Nature](#), narrated by Liam Neeson, a film by Sylvie Rokab (76 min)

www.thomasberry.org/Film offers films about famous “geologian” and Passionist priest Thomas Berry and also film renderings of his written works. Also available at www.bullfrogfilms.com

Bullfrog Films (P. O. Box 149, Oley, PA 19547, 1-800-543-FROG).

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www.greenplanetfilms.org **Green Planet Films**—Nature and environmental DVDs (PO Box 247, Corte Madera, CA 94976).

www.climatecrisis.net, official website for *An Inconvenient Truth*, documentary from Al Gore. Can also go to www.ecojustice.org/TruthGuide.asp to download free guide.

www.kilowattours.org **Kilowatt Ours** is an award-winning documentary to promote energy conservation, efficiency and renewable energy. Website offers ways to save energy and track your energy savings, plug into your community, and get involved with national issues.

One Man, One Cow, One Planet; How to Save the World. A film exploring the use of biodynamic-organic method, versus the corporate mantra of infinite growth in a finite world, as a means for farmers to reclaim their farms and their livelihood. www.onemanonecow.com

Chasing Ice: The Age of Stupid stars Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite (*In The Name of the Father, The Usual Suspects, Brassed Off*) as a man living in the devastated future world of 2055, looking back at old footage from our time and asking, “Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?”

The President's Dilemma. What can you do about a vanishing nation? On BBC World. Anote Tong is President of a small nation—a group of 33 atoll islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, halfway between Australia and Hawaii. Tong is faced with a dilemma the likes of which most government leaders couldn't image. Scientists predict that within 30 to 50 years the nation he governs will have disappeared, covered over by rising seas resulting from global climate change.

“For some time I did not sleep because I didn't have a solution to a problem that there wasn't a solution to,” says Tong. “What happens to us in the future? Do we disappear as a culture? So these are the issues that keep me awake.”

Shelter in Place. A devastating exploration of the oil industry's impact on the health and life quality of the inhabitants of Port Arthur, Texas, framed against the backdrop of flaming oil rigs and smothering black smog.

Planet Ocean. An elegantly filmed documentary, *Planet Ocean* takes us on a beautiful adventure into the strangest domains of our planet—the oceans.

The Nature of Cities. How can we make better cities than ever, better workplaces, better schools? How can we immerse ourselves in nature everyday instead of thinking we have to get in our SUVs and drive 50 miles? There is no doubt that we need nature.

The Evolution of Ecological Consciousness. Part of what Andrew Faust does is teach how to apply permaculture in the urban landscape and part of what he presents is a lot of information he's accumulated over 20 years as an environmental educator.

The Ethics of Fracking. Drilling for natural gas or fracking has been going on in the United States for sixty years. New techniques called "slick-water, high-pressure, horizontal drilling" introduced in the last decade have made the extraction of natural gas cheaper, but at what cost?

Animate Earth: Science, Intuition and Gaia. Our world's in crisis. Like many others, Dr Stephan Harding believes that science has contributed to the many ecological problems we're now facing, but he also thinks that science has the answer.

Call of Life. There's a mass extinction occurring on our planet today. We may well lose half of the world's biological diversity, but do we know enough about what's going on to actually save species?

Inside the Garbage of the World. We're living on a beautiful planet and as a human race we've been here for thousands of years. Our planet didn't need to be protected, life was flourishing on its own, with its own agenda.

The Burning Question. There seems to be a lot of bewilderment and doubt around climate change in the public sphere. It's a difficult story to swallow and to comprehend what it means for humanity. So what do ordinary people think about climate change?

17 Days in Community: A Manifestation of Love. O.U.R. Ecovillage is a sustainable educational center and a presentation ground situated in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island, B.C. Their activities are rooted in permaculture standards and give educational opportunities for natural architecture, sustainable food production and leadership.

Years of Living Dangerously. This is a 9-part documentary concentrating on the climate alteration. James Cameron, Jerry Weintraub and Arnold Schwarzenegger are executive producers of this series which promotes celebrity "detectives" who travel to regions around the world hit by global warming.

Unwasted: The Future of Business on Earth. There is no waste in nature. When a tree falls, it's only halfway through its life. When a bear or animal finishes eating food and processes it in its body that becomes fertilizer for future life in the forest.