



Unity EarthCare Ministry Team Website Resources

Environmental concerns for our planet home are complex and diverse, as are the many views regarding possible courses of action. Some of these resources reflect how world consciousness is expressing in the physical realm today. We know that at the level of Spirit, all is well and whole, and at the same time there is more unfolding to do in the expression of this Spirit of wholeness. We believe it is valuable to be aware of what is happening in the world and what people think when considering our own actions. We do this in part so that we may communicate intelligently with others. We do this, too, so that we can discern the steps we want to take to be part of the healing.

UNITY

www.unity.org/earthcare **Unity EarthCare (UET) Team, a ministry team of Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM)**. Documents for starting EarthCare activities in churches and centers, connections for mentoring, resources list, EarthCare logo for local use, and personalized support for EarthCare work in centers, etc. Email contact at earthcare@unity.org.

INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS

www.CoolCongregations.com offers online carbon calculator for congregations as well as individual households.

www.earthcharter.org **Earth Charter Initiative** is a program of the United Nations Environmental Program, and grew from the UN's World Summit on Sustainable Development (Earth Summit) held in Rio De Janeiro in 1992. Copies of the Charter and materials for children, youth, and local community programs are available from the website.

www.earthministry.org **Earth Ministry** has several useful resources, including a speakers network, resource lending library, the Greening Congregations program, lists of educational materials produced by several organizations, including youth materials and their own *Greening Congregations Handbook*—a complete “toolbox” of spiritual essays, how-to for setting up a program, and ideas and resources.

www.energystar.gov/congregations **ENERGY STAR Congregations** program of the Environmental Protection Agency. Free guidebook, technical support, information on awards eligibility and more.

www.eco-justice.org **Eco-Justice Ministries**

www.emoregon.org **Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns** sponsor workshops on Energy Pledges, the Oregon Interfaith Global Warming Campaign, and energy-saving measures and rebates. Their latest program encourages Portland residents to buy locally-grown, seasonal foods.

www.iowaip.org is Iowa site for Interfaith Power and Light. Has files for free download: a carbon calculator (EXCEL spreadsheet) and tutorial, checklist of data to input, and two lists of ways to lower your carbon footprint (under \$25 and over \$25). Goal is to for households to lower their carbon footprint, and then track how much carbon is saved by your congregation. Workshops offer demos on how to use carbon calculator, and provide suggestions/info for organizing a program in your church.

www.ncecojustice.org **National Council of Churches of Christ—Eco-Justice Working Group** has comprehensive online store of educational materials on environmental spirituality, including suggested sermon topics, Environmental Justice Congregational Covenants, and an Energy Stewardship Guide. Website links to environmental programs of several Christian denominations.

www.nrpe.org **National Religious Partnership for the Environment** includes links to the Evangelical Environmental Network, the National Council of Churches of Christ—Eco-Justice Working Group, the Coalition on the Environment & Jewish Life, and the Environmental Justice Program of the United States Catholic Conference.

www.protectingcreation.org **Interfaith Global Warming Campaign** has extensive information and links to other websites.

www.seasonofcreation.com **Season of Creation**, founded by Norman C. Habel, promotes celebrating creation during month of September through Feast of St. Francis on October 3. Habel is the editor of the **Earth Bible**, a series of theological reflections on the Christian call to care for creation. Includes *Seven Songs of Creation*, a collection of liturgies for celebrating and healing Earth. The website has numerous worship resources available for free download.

www.theregenerationproject.org **Interfaith Power and Light** initiative between faith communities and utility companies encourages energy efficiency, congregational covenants, and rebate programs for individuals, churches, and businesses. Programs are currently in 18 states, with the hope to establish programs in all 50 states.

FAITHS & DENOMINATIONS

Episcopalian

www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn.htm **Episcopal Public Policy Network** has resources on environmental issues. In 2008 they featured a series of Lenten guides responding to climate change.

Evangelical Christian

www.creationcare.org **Evangelical Environmental Network** promotes the Creation Care program for Evangelical churches. They publish the magazine *Creation Care*. The website features fact sheets, activities for families, and a bibliography of books.

Lutheran

www.webofcreation.org **Web of Creation** is sponsored by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, IL. Several free downloads, including a *Training Manual for Green Congregations*, a comprehensive guide for starting creation care.

Presbyterian

www.prc.org **Presbyterians for Restoring Creation** is a nationwide network for Presbyterians who care for God's creation. Through their website, a quarterly newsletter, online resources, and regional and national events, they educate, advocate, and build community for eco-justice.

Judaism

www.coejl.org **Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life** includes several resources for greening synagogues, including building and grounds, and youth and adult education, and responding to climate change.

Roman Catholic

www.columbiariver.org **Columbia River Pastoral Letter Project** was created by Catholic Bishops in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. After sponsoring a series of public interfaith meetings, the project culminated in an eloquent letter for sustainable management of the Columbia River Basin. An inspiring example of “faith in action”!

www.usccb.org/sdwp/ejp **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops–Environmental Justice Program** includes extensive resources for dioceses and parishes, including youth ministry and families, outreach, legislative advocacy, and links to regional projects including the Columbia River Pastoral Letter and the Northeast Bishops’ Letter on the Environment.

Unitarian-Universalist

www.uuministryforearth.org **Unitarian-Universalist–Green Sanctuary Program**. Numerous online resources, including energy pledges and success stories, books including *Green Sanctuary* which provides a framework and tools for starting a project, and *Nurturing the Spirit-Nature Connection*, a curriculum resource for children.

International

dhallman@uccan.org (email) **World Council of Churches / Climate change program**.
www.unep.org **United Nations Environment Programme–Interfaith Partnership for the Environment**.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

awakeningthedreamer.org **Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream.** Sponsor or become a facilitator of this four-hour symposium, which explores the interrelationship of three of humanity's most critical issues: environmental sustainability, social action, and spiritual fulfillment.

www.theclimateproject.org The **Climate Project** consists of 1,000 dedicated volunteers from throughout the United States trained to educate the public about climate change and potential solutions.

www.earthwatch.org **Earthwatch Institute** engages people worldwide in scientific field research and education to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment. In their program, laymen join scientific expeditions for two weeks to assist with research in biology, sociology, and history.

www.eldersclimateaction.org **Elders Climate Action** A project of Elders Action Network. The mission of Elders Climate Action is to mobilize elders throughout the United States to address climate change while there is still time to protect the well-being of our grandchildren and future generations.

www.empowermentinstitute.net/lcd **Empowerment Institute: Low Carbon Diet.** Reduce your carbon footprint with a fun, easy-to-use, community-based program. Materials include a book, online household calculator, and materials for children.

www.focusonthenation.org **Focus on the Nation**

www.goodguide.com Ratings of natural, green, and healthy products.

www.thegreenoffice.com **The Green Office**

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.

www.nwei.org **Northwest Earth Institute** has eight discussion courses for adults (healthy children, global warming, deep ecology, voluntary simplicity, sense of place, sustainable living, globalization, and sustainable food systems). The books are available by organizing a discussion group and contacting a group coordinator.

www.worldcentric.org **World Centric** is a nonprofit organization working to reduce economic injustice and environmental degradation through education, community networks, and sustainable enterprises.