



## Educational Creation Care Resources

### Interfaith Resources

#### *Websites*

**Interfaith Power and Light** <http://interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

National programs including The Carbon Covenant & Cool Harvest, and a full range of resources.

**Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light** [www.MIPandL.org](http://www.MIPandL.org)

Everyday Environmental Stewardship Briefs to help you make your faith community sustainable & a variety of conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy and faith resources, & tools.

**Earth Ministry** <http://earthministry.org/resources/suggested-publications/for-adults/curricular-aids>

**The National Religious Partnership for the Environment.** Statements from American religious leaders and organizations <http://www.nrpe.org/>

**Eco-Justice Network** <http://www.irejn.org/>

Emagazine **Stewards of the Earth; The Growing Religious Mission to Protect the Environment.** 2002 <http://www.emagazine.com/archive/924>

#### *Written Resources*

***The Eleventh Commandment - Caring for Creation: Words of Wisdom from the World's Great Faith Traditions.*** 2011, Christine Williams. This volume contains masterful sermons and essays from nationally known and highly respected religious leaders, writers, and scholars.

***This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature, Environment.*** Roger Gottlieb. 2003. Classic sourcebook for a wide range of religious and spiritual environmental writings from the Hebrew Bible and the Qur'an to Pope John Paul II and Aldo Leopold.

***Sustainable Faith: God, the Environment, and Human Responsibility***

<http://tinyurl.com/4va6mb4> is based on Krista Tippett's "On Being," allowing reflection in small groups on themes regarding caring for creation. (Morehouse Education Resources, 2010).

***A Greener Faith: Religious Environmentalism and Our Planet's Future.*** Roger Gottlieb, 2009. Religious people and organizations are among the most committed, and most persuasive, environmental activists.

***Love God, Heal Earth.*** Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham, editor, 2009. 21 leading religious voices speak out on our sacred duty to protect the environment.

***The Sacred Universe: Earth, Spirituality, and Religion in the 21st Century.*** 2009, Thomas Berry. "Geologian" priest explores the spiritual intersection between humans & the natural world.

***Claiming Earth as Common Ground.*** Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener. The author inspires us to work across denominational lines in order to fulfill our sacred imperative to care for God's creation.

### ***Films & DVDs***

**Renewal.** 90-minute documentary includes 8 inspirational stories including how Interfaith Power and Light brings different faiths together to mount a religious response to global warming. See how Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Catholic, Native American and Protestant traditions are working to renew God's creation. Offers a profound message of hope.

Available from MIP&L. More info: <http://www.renewalproject.net/>

**Covenant—Fighting Goliath—Texas Coal Wars.** Co-produced by the Redford Center and Alpheus Media, in partnership with The Regeneration Project's Interfaith Power & Light, a short film about people of faith from diverse traditions coming together to fight for clean air. 2006, <http://interfaithpowerandlight.org/2009/11/watch-covenant-online/>

**Preaching for the Planet**                      [www.interfaithpowerandlight.org](http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org)

**Nourish.** With beautiful visuals and inspiring stories, Nourish traces our relationship to food from a global perspective to personal action steps. Nourish illustrates how food connects to such issues as biodiversity, climate change, public health, and social justice. Appeals to youth and adults. 30 minutes. <http://www.coolharvest.org> (Interfaith Power and Light)

**A Thousand Suns: Food, Ecology, and Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.** The Global Oneness Project produces films, media and educational materials which explore how the simple notion of interconnectedness can be lived in today's complex world. <http://www.globalonenessproject.org/>

**Keeping the Earth; Religious and Scientific Perspectives on the Environment.** 27 minutes, 1996. Union of Concerned Scientists [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org)

## **Resources from Judaism**

### **Web Sites:**

**COEJL (The Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life)** seeks to expand the contemporary understanding of such Jewish values as tikkun olam (repairing the world) and tzedek (justice) to include the protection of both people and other species from environmental degradation. Shalom (peace or wholeness), which is at the very core of Jewish aspirations, is in its full sense harmony in all creation. <http://www.coejl.org/index.php>

- **Greening Synagogues Resources:** <http://www.coejl.org/greensyn/gstoc.php>

- **Interactive Resource for Environmental Education, Discourse and Study:**  
<http://www.coejl.org/~coejlor/programbank/index.php>
- **The Green Guide for Massachusetts Synagogues** <http://www.bostoncoejl.org/>

### Written

**Ecology and the Jewish Spirit.** Bernstein, Ellen, Ed., (Woodstock Vt.: Jewish Lights) 1998. A well-written and accessible collection of essays, covers a spectrum of Jewish thought.  
[www.jewishlights.com](http://www.jewishlights.com)

***The Way Into Judaism and the Environment.*** Bernstein, Jeremy, (Woodstock, Vt.: Jewish Lights)

***Torah of the Earth, Volumes I & II; Exploring 4,000 Years of Ecology in Jewish Thought.*** Waskow, Arthur (Woodstock Vt.: Jewish Lights).

***Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed Word.*** Tirosh-Samuels, Hava, Ed. (Harvard Univ. Press), 2003- Religions of the World and Ecology Series. For scholars and the advanced.

***Honi the Circlemaker: Eco-Fables from Ancient Israel,*** by Barry Schwartz, retells the wondrous deeds of Honi-the-Circlemaker, who wandered over the land of ancient Israel planting carob seeds and spreading goodwill.

***Traditional Tree Tales*** from the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education contains three short tales adapted from the Talmud or traditional Jewish fairy tales. These short and simple stories can be told to young children or acted out.

## Resources from Islam

<http://dcgreenmuslims.blogspot.com/>

Abdul-Matin, Ibrahim. GreenDeen; ***What Islam Teaches About Protecting the Planet,*** (San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler) 2010.

Nasr, Seyyed Hossein. ***Man and Nature; The Spiritual Crisis of Modern Man,*** (Chicago, ABD International), 1997.

***Islam and Ecology: A Bestowed Trust,*** Foltz, Richard C., Denny, Frederick and Baharuddin, Azizan, Eds. (Harvard Univ. Press) 2003 Religions of the World and Ecology series. For scholars and the advanced.

## Resources from Christianity

### Web

**Catholic Climate Covenant** -- St. Francis Pledge. Statements from Roman Catholic teachers and Bishops and the Pope and links to other resources. <http://catholicclimatecovenant>

**Faithful Stewards of God's Creation:** Roman Catholic Resource for Environmental Justice and Climate Change. <http://usccb.org/sdwp/ejp/climate/index.shtml>

**Environmental Ministries of the United Church of Christ.** Resources for local churches and links to many organizations. <http://www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries/resources.html>

**Episcopal Ecological Network** <http://www.eenonline.org/>

### **Green Faith:**

<http://greenfaith.org/programs/certification/steps-to-become-a-greenfaith-sanctuary/detailed-summary-of-certification-requirements>

**Green Sanctuary Program.** Provides a framework for congregations to begin specific projects and activities that lead to recognition as a Green Sanctuary through candidacy and then accreditation. <http://www.uua.org/leaders/environment/greensanctuary/index.shtml>

**National Council of Churches of Christ Eco-Justice Programs.** Superb resource. Can download many programs, sermons, and links. Many categories. <http://ncecojustice.org/resources/>

### Written

***Care for Creation (a Franciscan spirituality of the earth)***. Delio, Warner, and Wood, 2008. This is an accessible book with on science, theology. Has reflective action and guided prayer experiences.

***In the Footsteps of Francis: Awakening to Creation.*** Richard Rohr. (<http://www.cacradicalgrace.org/> click Mustard Seed Resource Center)

***Serve God, Save the Planet: A Christian Call to Action.*** Matthew Sleeth, 2007. Elegantly written, theologically and scientifically acute. "Sleeth recognizes, in time-honored evangelical style, that the most important battleground for any social change is the human heart...."

***Greening Congregations Handbook; Stories, Ideas and Resources for Cultivating Creation Awareness and Care in Your Congregation.*** Barnett, Tanya Marcovna, 2002, Earth Ministry.

***Holy Ground: A Resource on Faith and The Environment;*** From the Editors of Sojourners, [www.sajo.net](http://www.sajo.net) 1-800-678-9691. A good scripturally based adult education resource.

***The Green Bible, NRSV.*** (New York: Harper Collins) 2008. Comes with several introductory articles, and a good bibliography of resources. Green print highlights environmental text.

***The Bible and Ecology: Rediscovering the Community of Creation.*** Richard Bauckham, 2010. Bauckham argues that there is much more to the Bible's understanding of this relationship than the mandate of human dominion given in Genesis 1 which, he writes, has too often been used as a justification for domination and exploitation.

***A New Climate for Theology: God, the World, and Global Warming.*** Sallie McFague, 2008. Global warming is as much a theological challenge as an engineering one. How do we understand God in a world where we're now dominating nature? How do we understand ourselves in such a way that we might shrink our impacts?

***Sacramental Commons: Christian Ecological Ethics.*** John Hart, 2006. Recovers a sense of the sacramental that comes to us from the new cosmology and ecology in dialogue with the Christian tradition and indigenous traditions.

***The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job, and the Scale of Creation.*** Bill McKibben. Arguing that we are entrapped by "our belief that endless material growth and expansion is both possible and fulfilling," Also: ***Earth***

***Ten Commandments for the Environment: Pope Benedict XVI Speaks Out for Creation and Justice.*** Woodeene Koenig-Bricker, 2009. Describes the policies of Pope Benedict and Catholic leaders for making Earth's ecological health a priority issue of justice and personal concern.

#### ***Intergenerational, including Children:***

***Faith and Nature: The Divine Adventure of Life on Earth*** by Phyllis Strupp <http://www.churchpublishing.org/faithandnature> is an 8-session downloadable intergenerational curriculum that explores nature and humanity as part of God's creation and is connected to the Millennium Development Goals. (Morehouse Education Resources, 2010)

Green Church Series (United Methodist Church). Some are geared to adults and others to youth. Cokesbury at 1-800-672-1879 The book for children is ***Caretakers of God's Creation*** by Su TannWade and Daphno Flegal

***ReNew:*** The Green VBS <http://sparkhouseblogs.org/renew/> is a Vacation Bible School program that follows the Parable of the Sower through environmental activities and reflection, (Augsburg Fortress, 2010).

#### ***High School, Young Adult, and Adult:***

***To Serve and Guard the Earth*** by Beth Bojarski is a 6-session, downloadable curriculum for high school youth and adults that reflects on the 7 days of creation and the baptismal covenant. (Morehouse Educ. Resources, 2010) <http://www.churchpublishing.org/toserveandguardtheearth>

***How Many Lightbulbs Does It Take To Change A Christian?*** A Pocket Guide to Shrinking Your Ecological Footprint by Jan Nunley, Claire Foster, and David Shreeve is a simple book of action steps for individuals, churches, and families. (Seabury, 2008)

***Your Will Be Done on Earth: Eco-Spiritual Activities for 12-15 Year-Olds***, by Christie L. Jenkins, is an excellent resource for anyone working with youth. Relevant religious and scientific background is provided for each activity.

### ***Children***

***Operation Creation***, by Barb Holtz with Jody Gunn and David Radcliff, is a five-session care for creation curriculum for elementary children provided by the [New Community Project](#). This 14-page PDF resource contains lesson plans for children. For use in vacation Bible school settings

### **Videos/DVDs**

***The Green Patriarch***. <http://www.patriarchate.org/multimedia/video/green-patriarch>  
The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is a man on a spiritual mission to save God's creation. This intimate portrait follows him across the globe where he gathers representatives of the world's religions to join in constructive dialog and silent prayer for the planet. Thirty minutes.

***Is God Green?*** <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/moyersonamerica/green/>  
This 55 minute documentary features Bill Moyers and his team of investigative journalists as they profile three evangelical Christian communities that have taken on care of the environment as a moral and biblical obligation, despite the fact that many of their brothers and sisters in the faith disagree with their stance.

## **General Resources**

### ***Conservation & Energy Efficiency Resources:***

Environmental Protection Agency's Portfolio Manager for Houses of Worship  
[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=small\\_business.sb\\_congregations](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=small_business.sb_congregations)

Mass Save: Free home energy audit and financial incentives for homeowners and tenants.  
<http://www.masssave.com/>

Carbon Footprint (acres, food, transport, home, etc.)  
<http://myfootprint.org/>

Conservation - LoseYourExcuse.gov

### ***The Science of Climate Change:***

NASA Global Climate Change Website. Includes interactive animations. <http://climate.nasa.gov/>

Union of Concerned Scientists – Science and objective policy analysis.  
[http://www.ucsusa.org/global\\_warming/](http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/)

## **General**

**Home**, Narrated by Glenn Close, 2-hours. The spectacle of vivid natural surfaces (volcanoes, forests, oceans, tilled fields, glaciers) cascading under us gives way to the scars of mankind's plundering. Produced to inspire action and encourage thoughtful debate, It's also a kind of prayer, an exquisitely shot meditation on what's at stake and why we must change our behavior.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqxENMKaeCU>

**Carbon Nation; with great jobs and less carbon for all.** Reviews emerging renewable energy technologies, summarizes the science, and job creation potential of transitioning from a fossil fuel economy. 92 minutes; 2010 Earth School Educational Foundation, Inc. [www.carbonnation.t](http://www.carbonnation.t)

**Kilowatt Ours:** Inspiring exploration of the source of our electricity and the problems caused by energy production including mountaintop removal, childhood asthma and global warming, as well as the story of those addressing the problem. <http://www.kilowattours.org/script.php>

**The Story of Stuff.** The Story of Stuff is 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. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.

<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>

Climate Change Music Video and Information

<http://passporttoknowledge.com/polar-palooza/whatyoucando/taacc/>

Climate Justice: Oxfam Sisters on the Planet: <http://www.oxfamamerica>

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