

Presbyterians for Earth Care 2019 Conference

**Peace for the Earth:
From the Bible to the Front Lines**

August 6 – 9, 2019

Stony Point Center
17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, NY 10980

**Welcome to the Presbyterians for Earth Care
2019 National Conference**

Welcome, you who are Presbyterian. Welcome, you who belong to other branches of the Christian family. Welcome, sisters and brothers on a variety of spiritual journeys. Welcome, you who are young. Welcome, you who are young at heart. Welcome, you whose ancestors have lived on this continent for tens of thousands of years. Welcome, you whose ancestors are more recent immigrants. Welcome one and all, with every color of skin under the rainbow. Welcome!



Our rapidly changing global climate presents each and every person on the earth with both a challenge and an opportunity like none other in history. We need all hands on deck. We. Need. You. Now!

Our theme, **"Peace for the Earth: From the Bible to the Front Lines,"** invites us to reflect on peace before, during and after our gathering. Drawing from the Jewish branch of the three Abrahamic faiths, the Hebrew term "shalom" broadens and deepens the vision for this conference. The biblical concept of peace - rooted in the Hebrew word *shalom* - signifies much more than the absence of conflict. Peace as it is proclaimed in the Hebrew Scriptures is the presence of wholeness and completeness at all levels of creation and in body, mind, and spirit. Shalom encompasses elements of harmony, tranquility, security, soundness and welfare. Peace is a state of restored relationships between the earth, earth creatures (including us!), and the One who created us all. The work of peacemaking extends over all the earth, calling to us from Scripture and leading us to the front lines where climate change is experienced most severely.

Holding to that vision of peace or *shalom*, at this year's conference we will study, strategize, sing, collaborate, farm, and organize toward wholeness, toward peace for all the earth. "Shalom" is also used as a greeting for both "*hello*" and "*goodbye*." So we say both "Hello," and "Peace" to you, and hope to see you at our gathering.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dennis E. Testerman
Moderator
Presbyterians for Earth Care

A note from Stony Point Center



Stony Point Center (SPC) is honored to host the 2019 Presbyterians for Earth Care Conference. SPC is a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are located in the scenic Hudson River Valley, northwest of Manhattan in beautiful upstate New York.

SPC welcome thousands of guests every year, from near neighbors to travelers from all over the world. We offer delicious, locally-sourced food, much of which comes from the Stony Point Center Farm during the summer months. We boast simple, comfortable guest rooms and a caring touch that honors the distinctive needs of each guest. Over

the past few years we've taken major steps to improve the energy efficiency of our facilities and to walk lightly on the earth.

Stony Point Center is the residence of the Community of Living Traditions (CLT), a multifaith community of Jews, Muslims and Christians, which was initiated in 2008. Together, residents of the CLT work to provide support to the staff as we welcome guests from a wide variety of backgrounds. Through networking, human rights accompaniment, and coalition building, we are committed to building up an intentionally multifaith movement to manifest peace and justice in the world and for the earth.

Stony Point Center looks forward to working together in defense of the earth for years to come. We hope you enjoy your time here with us and that you leave energized for the work ahead.



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Conference Leadership



Keynoter - Rev. Dr. William P. Brown is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. He is the author of several books on biblical interpretation and theology, including *Sacred Sense*, *Wisdom's Wonder* and *The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science, and the Ecology of Wonder*. As a member of the Center of Theological Inquiry, Bill worked collaboratively with scientists, philosophers, and ethicists, exploring the "societal implications of astrobiology." He is an avid Sunday School teacher and is active in the work of Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL).



Music Leader - Minister Warren B. Cooper is a Performing Artist, a Composer, a Producer, a Broadcaster, an Educator, a Music Minister and Inter-Faith Missionary. He is a native of Philadelphia, PA, USA who has been a professional musician since the age of 9. Warren was raised and nurtured in Berean Presbyterian Church as the oldest son of its pastor –singing in, playing for and later directing three of the church's five choirs. Having studied at Oberlin Conservatory of Music and with many of the Masters of Classical, Sacred & Jazz Composition and Performance, Warren has emerged as a trend-setting pioneer within the genres of Jazz Worship and Sacred Jazz Music – and as an acclaimed vocal stylist in all genres. In November of 2018 Warren released his first CD in eleven (11) years

called *GUITARS & VOICES...Talking About Choices*. As a part of a Solution Centered Conversational Platform, this latest CD presents an artistically challenging look at the status of human relationships...with The Creator, with Creation and with one another. Connect with Warren's ministry and music at www.guitarsvoiceschoices.com and www.musicmediaministry.com

Due to family health concerns, Rev. Dr. Jill Crainshaw is unable to be present at this year's conference. She continues to be instrumental in the planning of worship for which we are grateful. We are so glad to welcome Jill's colleague, Rev. Lindsey as Worship Leader.



Worship Leader - Rev. Lindsey Altvater-Clifton is the Co-Pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. She's a self-proclaimed nerd who enjoys life's simple pleasures: hammocks, a good book, playing outside, Vietnamese iced coffee, laughing until it hurts, bike rides, board games, and writing liturgy. She is a native of Greensboro, NC, though she and her wife, Laura, and their sweet, goofy dogs, Maggie and Harvey, now call High Point, NC home. Lindsey earned her M.Div from Wake Forest University's School of Divinity in 2016, and she is passionate about intergenerational ministry and community outreach, especially around initiatives supporting community resilience, urban farming, and the LGBTQ+ community. Lindsey has had the honor of planning and leading worship for the Academy of Young Preachers and Salem Presbytery, and she enjoyed serving as a Teaching Associate for the

Introduction to Preaching course at Wake Forest School of Divinity this spring.



Facilitator - Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee serves as United Methodist Women's Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice and Climate Justice Lead. Her primary area of work is around advancing climate justice with members, church, and society, through trainings, program development, partnerships, corporate engagement, advocacy, and solidarity. Her approach to climate justice is through gender, human rights, and theological analyses. Liz has served on boards and executive teams including Global Youth Connect, Ecumenical Women at the United Nations, the World Student Christian Federation Trustees in the USA, and Nexus Korean American UMC network. Liz's studies include coursework in

comparative politics, political identity, human rights, history, theology and women studies from Williams College, Oxford University and Regent College (Canada). Liz was born in Seoul, South Korea and grew up in NYC before studying and working globally. She currently lives in Queens, New York with her husband and daughter, navigating what it means to "Be Just. Be Green."



Facilitator - Phoebe Morad is the Executive Director of Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC). As a grassroots movement of clergy, lay people, campus ministers, outdoor camp staff and seminary professors LRC connects, empowers and equips the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) to care for creation. This group of passionate Lutheran leaders began to emerge in 1993 as the ELCA adopted a social statement clarifying the holistic nature of stewardship and our calling to care for all that God made. In the past few years, LRC has engaged regional and congregational green teams across the nation, trained hundreds of new leaders with a customizable curriculum, and encouraged public witness actions expressing personal discipleship for ecologically just lifestyles. For updated resources, events and worship ideas visit:

www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org. Phoebe is glad to join the Presbyterians for Earth Care conference as a Resource Person and Facilitator for the Global Warming Café.



Facilitator - Rev. Irvin Porter is descended from three Native American tribes: Pima, T'hono O'odham, and Nez Perce. He is the seventh of eight children raised by a single father after the divorce of his parents. He received an Associate of Arts degree in accounting from Haskell Indian Junior College, now a university, in Lawrence, Kansas. He worked in banking for 10 years in Idaho, and received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Dubuque, Iowa in 1997. He is a 2001 graduate of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary receiving his Master of Divinity degree. Church of the Indian Fellowship in Tacoma, Washington, called Irvin as a Commissioned Lay Pastor in September 2001. He was ordained as a

minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in October 2003 and is the first Native American pastor since the church was founded by a Presbyterian missionary among the Puyallup Indians in 1876. He continues to serve at one-quarter time. Rev. Porter is Associate for Native American Intercultural Congregational Support of the Presbyterians Church, U.S.A.



Greetings - Rev. Cindy Kohlmann has served two churches as a solo pastor, in Carlisle, Ohio and Clinton, MA. She has been serving the Presbytery of Northern New England as their Presbyter since 2010, and in 2015, she said goodbye to the church in Clinton and began serving Boston Presbytery. In addition to serving these two Presbyteries as the Resource Presbyter, Cindy was also elected in June 2018 as Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) alongside Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri. She is married to the Rev. Eric Markman, pastor of the Hartford Street Presbyterian Church in Natick, MA, and has two adult step-daughters.



Plenary - Dr. Susan Clayton is Whitmore-Williams Professor of Psychology at the College of Wooster in Ohio. She has written or edited six books, including most recently *Psychology and Climate Change* (2018; co-edited with Christie Manning). Her Ph.D., from Yale University, is in social psychology. Her research focuses on the human relationship with nature, how it is socially constructed, and how it can be utilized to promote environmental concern. She has written extensively about the implications of climate change for human well-being. Clayton is on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Environmental*

Psychology and *Social Justice Research*, and is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, the Society for Environmental, Population, and Conservation Psychology (SEPCP), the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). She is a past president of both SEPCP and SPSSI. She will be a lead author on the upcoming 6th assessment report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Conference Exhibitors

We are grateful to have the following exhibitors present at this year’s conference. Exhibitor tables will be set up in Conference Room A and B throughout the conference and representatives will be present at their tables during the Awards Ceremony and Reception on Wednesday evening. Be sure to stop by and visit!

Presbyterian Investments and Loans Program

Stony Point Center and the Community of Living Traditions

Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

Eco-Stewards

Blessed Tomorrow

Earth Day Network

FossilFree PCUSA

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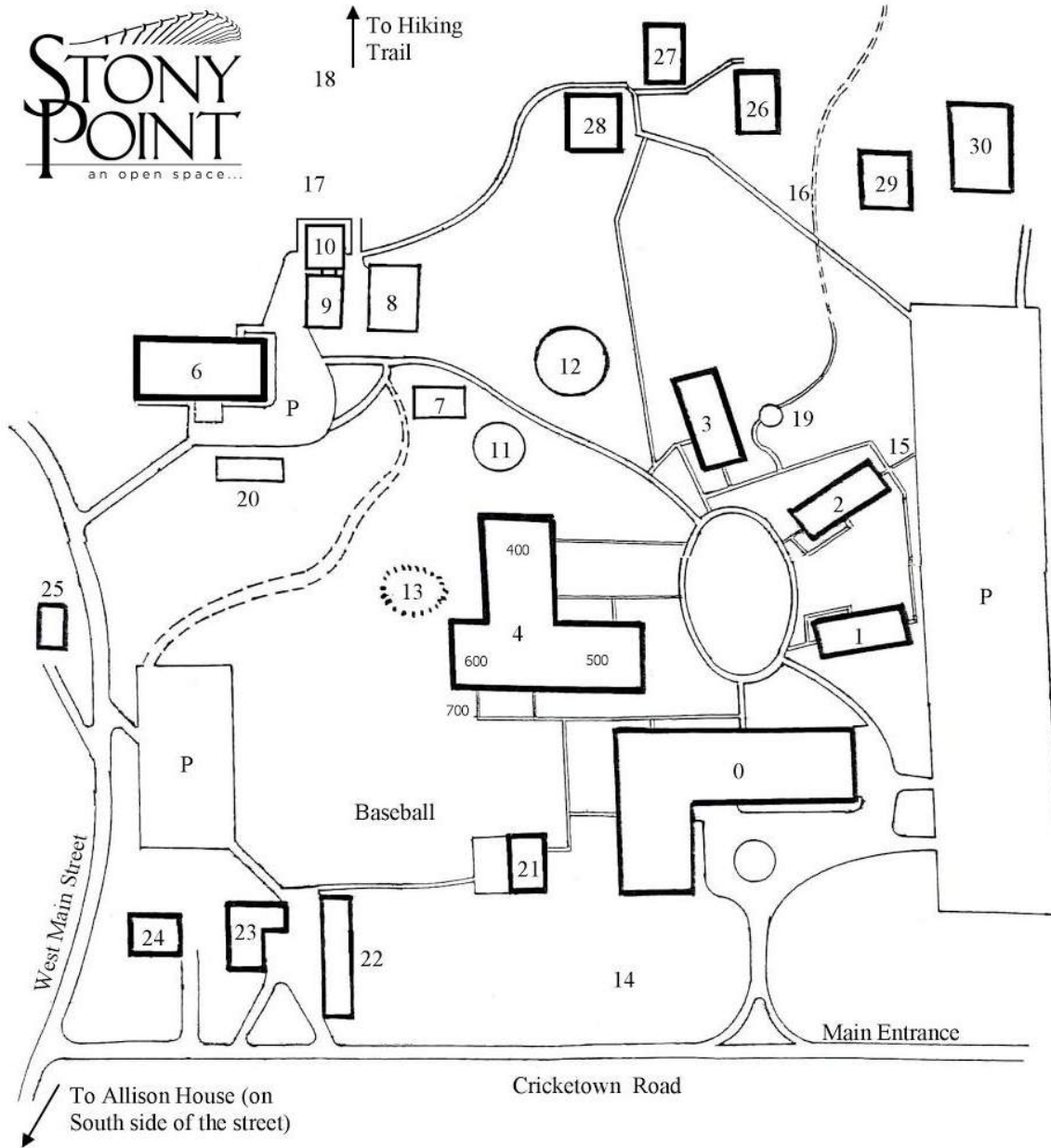
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Presbyterians for Earth Care

Compassion, Peace and Justice

| Conference Schedule at a Glance | | | | |
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| | August 6 – Tuesday | August 7 – Wednesday | August 8 – Thursday | August 9 - Friday |
| 6:30 | | Early Morning Float (lv. 6:30) or Farm (7:00 start) | Early Morning Float (lv. 6:30) or Farm (7:00 start) | Early Morning Float (lv. 6:30) or Farm (7:00 start) |
| 8:00 | | BREAKFAST (8:00-9:00) | BREAKFAST (8:00-9:00) | BREAKFAST (8:00-9:00) |
| 9:00 | | Gathering and Worship Keynote <i>Auditorium</i> | Gathering and Worship Keynote <i>Auditorium</i> | Gathering Keynote <i>Auditorium</i> |
| 10:15 | | BREAK - 15 min | BREAK - 15 min | BREAK - 15 min |
| 10:30 | | Workshop Session 1 (10:30-11:45) | Workshop Session 4 (10:30-11:45) | Closing Worship <i>Auditorium</i> |
| 12:00 | | LUNCH (12:00-1:00) | LUNCH (12:00-1:00) | LUNCH (12:00-1:00) |
| 1:15 | Registration and Check in for Conference (Check in to lodging begins at 3 p.m.) | Workshop Session 2 (1:15-2:30) | A full description of Thursday afternoon offerings can be found starting on page 16 | Depart |
| 2:30 | | BREAK - 15 min | | |
| 2:45 | | Regional Representative gatherings | | |
| 4:00 | | BREAK - 30 min | Free Time | |
| 4:30 | | Workshop Session 3 (4:30-5:45) | Concert and Conversation w/ Warren B. Cooper <i>Auditorium</i> | |
| 6:00 | | DINNER (6:00-7:00) | DINNER (6:00-7:00) | |
| 7:00 | Welcome and Opening Worship <i>Auditorium</i> | Plenary with Dr. Susan Clayton <i>Auditorium</i> | "Movement to Action" World Café Method <i>Conf. Room A and B</i> | |
| 8:00 | | Evening Prayer | | |
| 8:30 -end | Fireside Refreshments and Fellowship <i>On the Oval in the center of campus</i> | PEC Awards Celebration and Reception – Mix, Mingle, and Connect! | Earth Care Song Circle | |

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| | | <i>Conf Room A and B</i> | | |
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Main Building

0 Evergreen

Accommodations and Meeting Spaces

- 1 Beech Tree (100s)
- 2 Walnut (200s)
- 3 Magnolia (300s)
- 4 Maple (400-700s)

- 6 Gilmor Sloane House
- 7 Hermitage
- 8 Stone
- 9 Leber
- 10 Art Space
- 11 Meditation Space

Outdoor Spaces

- 12 Labyrinth
- 13 Japanese Garden
- 14 Cornerstone Garden
- 15 Greenhouse, Hoop Houses and Berry Patch
- 16 Friendship Gardens
- 17 Gilmor Gardens
- 18 Resource Area
- 19 Friendship Circle
- 20 Pavilion

Other Buildings

- 21 Day Care
- 22 Barn Play house
- 23 The Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice and Muslim Peace Fellowship Library
- 24 DeCamp
- 25 Kunkle
- 26 Kennedy I
- 27 Kennedy II
- 28 Kennedy III
- 29 Quimby
- 30 Maintenance Shop
- P Parking

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Workshops

Workshop Session 1 - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador Program (Part 1)

The Faith and Climate Connection: What We Need to Know

This is part 1 of a 3-part Certification track workshop open to all participants. Those who would like to be certified as a Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador are required to attend all three workshops in the series. By completing the Blessed Tomorrow Ambassadors training, you join a cohort of like-minded leaders who encourage congregations, the public, and policymakers to reduce our carbon footprint and advocate for solutions.

Americans are growing more concerned about climate change. As they witness and experience impacts to their health, livelihoods, and communities, they are increasingly looking for guidance on solutions from leaders in their daily lives – faith and community leaders like you. The Blessed Tomorrow Ambassadors Program is designed to train you on the links between climate, faith and humanity, the spectrum of solutions, speaking effectively on the topic, and opportunities to act and advocate. In this first module, you will be introduced to how our faith calls us to respond to climate change, an overview of climate and its impacts to humans, and the implications of climate change on our faith communities and ministries.

Ani Fête Crews is the Director of Blessed Tomorrow, a coalition of diverse religious partners united as faithful stewards of creation. Prior to joining Blessed Tomorrow, Ani served as Senior Director of Member Engagement with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), where she led key leadership development and engagement programming for the nation's state public health agency directors, their leadership teams, and other state public health partners. Ani has 15 years of experience in issue advocacy, coalition building, community outreach, and leadership development in both the non-profit and government sectors.

Location: AUDITORIUM

Mapping your Eco-Faith Journey

Each year, The Eco-Stewards Program invites young adults (ages 20-30) to travel with us and immerse themselves in a new place to learn how people of faith are living from the land and responding to environmental challenges in their communities. Along with community building, faith formation, vocational discernment, and recreation, we reflect upon the events, people, and places that lead us to our current work for environmental stewardship-- this is what we call our Eco-Faith journeys. We find that this visioning is a helpful way for young activists to honor their current work while paving a sustainable path for their future callings. This workshop will introduce you to the art of mapping you own Eco-Faith journey in an effort to reflect upon where you've been, where you are and where you are called to be.

Vickie Machado is a third generation south Floridian who calls the larger Floridian aquifer her home. She has been with the EcoStewards Program since 2011 and joined the leadership team after participating in three trips (Montana, Boston/Vermont, Portland, OR) and hosting the 2014 Food and Faith program in Gainesville, Florida. Vickie is also a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida, where she studies the intersection of faith and Florida's environmental movement.

Location: CONFERENCE ROOM B

Blessed are the Peacemakers: On War and Warming

Is climate justice a peacemaking issue? How is climate change a peacemaking issue? This workshop will explore the connections between armed conflict and climate change, looking at the US military, existing armed conflicts that may have connections to climate change, and current movements to end war and climate change. Together we will learn and strategize about how we can be part of the work of peacemaking for all creation.

Rev. Emily Brewer is the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, a 75-year-old organization committed to ending militarism, war, and violence through practices of active nonviolence. Emily is committed to working for climate justice as a way of preventing violence and being in solidarity with people and communities who experience climate change first and worst. She lives in Brooklyn, New York, but will always consider East Tennessee home.

Location: CONFERENCE ROOM A

Multifaith Earth Care Teachings

Join Stony Point Center's multifaith farm team in engaging holy scriptures from the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian traditions through the lens of their work as farmers here on the Stony Point Center land. The farm team will also share stories from their experiences participating in indigenous ceremonial spaces and solidarity work with indigenous communities. Come and be inspired to build multifaith partnerships in caring for the earth.

Amirah AbuLughod, Will Summers, and Matt Zeltzer are members of the Stony Point Center farm team and the Community of Living Traditions, the multifaith community that lives and works at Stony Point Center. Together they farm nearly two acres of land to produce delicious, local produce that is served from the Stony Point Center kitchen.

Location: MEDITATION SPACE

Workshop Session 2 - Wednesday, 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Movement Building and Consciousness as if We Were Part of Nature

Albert Einstein famously said, "We cannot solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them." Come learn about different ancient and emerging levels of thinking, explore ways to cultivate earth consciousness, and hear about recent movements that are taking lessons from nature. See how racism and other 'isms' must be dismantled to achieve a livable future. Through guided meditation, exercises, voices of the wise ones and dialogue, we will dip our toes into presence-based and relational ways of being and doing. Finally, we will look at and learn how to get involved with the Climate Justice Alliance or similar movement initiatives which incorporate such approaches.

Andrew Kang Bartlett is the national associate for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, a PC(USA) ministry that works to build economically and racially just and sustaining local food economies in the US and globally through collaborative work with Presbyterians, partners, coalitions and social movements by addressing the structures perpetuating poverty and exploitation. Andrew engages locally with the Food in Neighborhoods Community Coalition, the Louisville Food Coop initiative, Black Lives Matter Police Accountability Team, Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice, and serves on the National Farm Worker Ministry board. In his free time, he practices ecstatic dance, yoga, bouldering, and food growing.

Location: CONFERENCE ROOM B

Multi-Faith Organizing for a Green New Deal

The consensus couldn't be clearer – we need a massive response to climate change immediately. The Green New Deal is an emerging platform that calls on government, business, and civil society to transform towards a 100% renewable energy economy, create millions of good-paying jobs to support this transition, and to prioritize the protection of the most vulnerable communities. GreenFaith is organizing multi-faith environmental action hubs around the country to support this necessary and bold approach; participants in this workshop will learn how to get involved and about the resources and support that GreenFaith can provide.

*This workshop will be led by **Rev. Fletcher Harper**, GreenFaith's Executive Director, **Sarah Newell**, GreenFaith New Jersey Organizer, and **Rev. Ken Scott**, GreenFaith Capital Region (NY) Organizer. Newell and Scott are GreenFaith Organizers in New Jersey and the New York Capital region, where they equip diverse local faith communities for environmental action.*

Location: CONFERENCE ROOM A

**Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador Program (Part 2)
Climate Solutions and Benefits: What we can do**

This is part 2 of a 3-part Certification track workshop open to all participants. Those who would like to be certified as a Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador are asked to attend all three workshops in the series.

In Module one of the Ambassador Program training, we learned the basics of climate change and its connection to our faith. In this second module, we will explore the solutions to climate change and how they benefit us, our families and our communities. You will be equipped to talk about how congregations and individuals can care for creation by moving toward 100% clean energy. This includes reducing energy use and using clean energy where possible, like wind and solar. You will also learn how congregations can invest in longer-term solutions and offset carbon emissions that they cannot otherwise eliminate. We will also discuss how congregations can plan for climate impacts, like increased extreme weather events, and design their place of worship as a climate refuge for the community.

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Location: AUDITORIUM

From Repudiation to Reconciliation: The Doctrine of Discovery and Presbyterian Response

The 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. voted to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery. The Doctrine of Discovery refers to a series of 15th century papal edicts that were used to defend - in legal and religious terms - European colonizers' seizure of land occupied by indigenous people. The Doctrine of Discovery continues to be used in U.S. courts of law to deny land rights to indigenous communities. Following on the act of repudiation, the 223rd General Assembly developed recommendations as to how Presbyterian congregations and mid-council bodies "can support Native Americans in their ongoing efforts for sovereignty and fundamental human rights." Come learn about how congregations around the denomination are responding to this call to support indigenous people and to acknowledge the history of the land on which we stand.

***Rev. Irvin Porter** is Associate for Native American Intercultural Congregational Support of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. **Rick Ufford-Chase** is Co-Director of Stony Point Center and Moderator of*

Workshop Session 3 - Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Embracing God's Economy

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) accompanies Presbyterians as they engage a life of faith by helping individuals assess where your "treasure" is and where it is being spent. PHP believes in moving towards sustainable personal life choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. We believe that "God's Economy" is one of abundance for all, but to live within this kind of economy, our relationship to those resources must reflect God's love for creation. This workshop will use the newly finished PHP resource "Considering Our Treasure" as a conversation starter to explore ways to embrace God's Economy.

***Jessica Maudlin** resources Presbyterians as they address issues of faith, lifestyle choices and sustainability. She also manages the Earth Care Congregation and Hunger Action Advocate networks. She is a graduate of Hanover College where she focused on the study of Liberation Theology as well as international studies.*

Location: CONFERENCE ROOM A

Testimonies of Front Line Communities Facing Climate Change's Devastating Impacts

Super typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) devastated the lives and livelihoods of millions of people when it struck the Philippines on November 8, 2013. Based on official reports, more than 6,000 lost their lives and hundreds of thousands lost their homes and livelihoods. Five years after Typhoon Yolanda struck, returning to normalcy is excruciatingly slow, difficult and painful, as powerful business actors have turned to profit-making that all but prolonged the survivors' agony.

In 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic areas of the United States with devastating force. In Stony Point, NY and other waterfront communities on the Eastern seaboard, a 13 foot storm surge, worsened by the rising sea levels due to climate change, caused catastrophic flooding. Nearly seven years later, communities struggle to receive the recovery funds owed to them.

The goal of this workshop is twofold: to raise awareness of the ongoing struggles front line communities face in the process of rebuilding and to share models of post-storm assistance and accompaniment that help, not harm.

***Joseph Jadway 'JJ' Marasigan** is a political asylee from the Philippines. He was a former professor of Sociology and chairperson of the Quezon Association for Rural Development and Democratization Services, Inc. (QUARDDS, Inc.), a member of the RIGHTS, Inc. Network. JJ is an Op-Ed writer for the Philippine Daily Inquirer. He's a member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and is now a Ruling Elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills, NY and a commissioner to the New York City Presbytery. JJ's hobbies include playing chess and participating at open mic sessions, singing and playing acoustic.*

***Rosario "Charo" Urena** is a community organizer with Proyecto Faro, an immigrant organizing project based in Stony Point, NY. She is a graduate of Kairos School of Ministry. Her passion for social justice was catalyzed by the experience of advocating for her community after it was flooded during Hurricane Sandy. She is originally from the Dominican Republic where she regularly visits*

family members. Stateside, she enjoys spending time with her two daughters and one precious granddaughter.

Rev. Emily Brewer, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, will be the moderator for this panel discussion. **Location: Seminar 2 and 3**

Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador Program (Part 3)

Speaking the Truth to Power in Love: Advocacy and Engagement on Faith and Climate

This is part 3 of a 3-part Certification track workshop open to all participants. Those who would like to be certified as a Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador are asked to attend all three workshops in the series.

As people of faith, we have an important role to not just care for God's creation through things like reducing our carbon emissions, but we are also called to bear witness to God's calling by lifting up our stories with others and calling on decision makers to take action. The final module of the Ambassador Program will walk through guidance to help you speak confidently on climate change. We will identify how to craft an authentic personalized message that connects with your audience and how to apply this guidance to motivate your and others' advocacy efforts with local, state, and federal policymakers. You will also learn how the *Presbyterian Office of Public Witness* can support you in this work with important tools and resources available to you.

Christian Brooks is the Representative for Domestic Issues for the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness (OPW). OPW is the public policy information and advocacy office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Its task is to advocate, and help the church to advocate, the social witness perspectives and policies of the Presbyterian General Assembly. The church has a long history of applying these biblically and theologically-based insights to issues that affect the public — maintaining a public policy ministry in the nation's capital since 1946.

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Location: AUDITORIUM

Conceptualizing Food Justice

What exactly is food justice and how can we work together to make it a reality in our communities? Join Andrew Kang Bartlett of Presbyterian Hunger Program and Amirah AbuLughod and Will Summers from Stony Point Center's farm for an interactive discussion on what food justice means for us, for human communities, and for the earth. Learn from exciting movements for food justice that are actively transforming our food and economic systems at the local, national, and international levels.

Amirah AbuLughod joined the Stony Point Center farm team and Community of Living Traditions in 2015. Both sides of Amirah's family have a rich history of farming tradition; a long line of dairy, beef, and crop farmers near the Mississippi in Wisconsin and orange growers beside the Mediterranean in Palestine. Even with this family background, the real seed of love for working with the earth sprouted when she was a little kid working in the backyard garden with her mom.

Will Summers began working as a farmer in Texas in 2007. Since then he has grown food in community gardens, at schools, for environmental centers, and with faith communities. He's been on staff at Stony Point Center since 2013 and a member of the Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center since 2015.

Andrew Kang Bartlett is the national associate for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, a PC(USA) ministry that works to build economically and racially just and sustaining local food economies in the US and globally through collaborative work with Presbyterians, partners, coalitions and social movements by addressing the structures perpetuating poverty and exploitation.

Location: CONFERENCE ROOM B

Workshop Session 4 - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Where Your Treasure Is: on Divestment from Fossil Fuels in the PCUSA

Since 2012, there's been a movement in the PCUSA to divest from fossil fuels. Come learn about what you can do to divest as a congregation or presbytery. Come learn about how to support the current overture to divest from fossil fuels. Come learn about some of the other things you can do to be fossil free in the PCUSA. Come and join us.

rev. abby mohaupt is Moderator of FossilFree PCUSA, a Teaching Elder in San Francisco Presbytery, and PhD student at Drew University. She loves Jesus, running, and the ocean. Her previous work has included working as a pastor in Northern California, a volunteer at a domestic violence shelter in Chicago, and an artist for worship and liturgy for a variety of conferences. She semi-regularly blogs at www.featheology.org, and her writing on earth care has appeared in *Sojourners*, the Presbyterian Church USA's *Unbound*, and *Ecclesio*. She can usually be found with at least one crayon in hand.

Location: GILMOR LARGE DINING ROOM

Cultivating Congregational and Presbytery Teams Committed to Earth Care Action

The ability to build strong teams of accountability and challenge is the key to sustaining efforts to care for this planet. Across the nation, PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations and Presbytery level eco-initiatives are affecting local and regional change in protection of the earth. Come learn about how to build your team by listening to the experiences of Earth Care Congregation members and Presbytery-wide teams. Learn from their accomplishments, future goals, successes and challenges. Share about the unique concerns and strengths of the community you represent as you begin or continue building an earth care team.

This workshop panel will include **Rick Person**, Midwest Regional Representative for Presbyterians for Earth Care and founding member of the Westminster Eco-Justice Ministry Team (Westminster Presbyterian Church - Minneapolis, MN), members of the **HRPGreen**, a partnership of the Hudson River Presbytery located in the Lower Hudson River Valley in NY state, and **Jessica Maudlin**, the Presbyterian Hunger Program Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care, the PC(USA) staff position that includes coordination of the Earth Care Congregation program.

Location: AUDITORIUM

Consider the Lilies: Weaving Creation Care and Preaching Together

In this collaborative workshop, participants will consider the different ways creation care and preaching can inform and enliven each other. The group will brainstorm creative ways to not only encourage earth care, but to draw on the witness of God's wondrous creation to empower our preaching of gospel good news. We will also take a look at the lectionary year ahead, wrestle with preaching challenges, and consider potential wells to draw from in our preaching as it relates to creation care.

Paul R. Heins has pastored congregations in New Jersey, Utah, and Washington. Currently, he serves as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend, WA along the shores of the Puget Sound. He also serves on the Steering Committee for PEC and as Regional Representative for the NW/Mountain Region.

Location: SEMINAR 2 and 3

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: Live them and Learn them!

In 2015, the United Nations adopted 17 Goals to end poverty, fight inequalities, and mitigate climate change. This workshop will examine the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and ways Presbyterians have engaged in responding to these goals within the US and around the world. You will have an opportunity to learn about the Study and Devotional Guide for the Sustainable Development Goals as a resource for individual and congregational use. This Guide outlines all 17 Sustainable Development Goals, relevant efforts by the PC(USA) and our partners to achieve the goals and includes Biblical reflections from PC(USA) staff to provide scriptural justification for these efforts.

Ryan Smith serves as the director and representative to the United Nations for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the World Communion of Reformed Churches. In this role, Ryan advocates for the policies of the PC(USA) General Assembly and the needs of partner churches around the world.

Location: CONFERENCE ROOM A

Children's Programming

We especially welcome children to participate in this year's Presbyterians for Earth Care Conference, recognizing that you are the generation that is leading and will lead the way for years to come in responding to climate change. We are grateful to the Presbyterian Mariners Family Ministry Grant for supporting our ability to offer programming for children.

For children ages 5 to 12 we are glad to offer alternative eco-justice programming during the 4 workshop sessions. This programming will offer time outside and hands on activities to explore our relationship to the earth and to express our care for the planet. Amy Dalton and Sherly Fabre, members of the Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center will lead the children's programming. *They will meet participating children in the Evergreen Dining Hall 15 minutes before workshop sessions begin.*

Early Morning Options



Seasonal Farming (7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., Wednesday - Friday)

Meet the Stony Point Center farmers by the picnic tables behind the Evergreen Dining Hall. You will have the opportunity to do seasonal farm work - harvesting, weeding, admiring the tomatoes, etc. - during the cool morning hour. Dress in clothes and shoes you don't mind getting dirty. (10 people max. - sign up the evening before at the registration table)

Canoeing and Kayaking (6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., Wed - Fri)

Meet in front of Evergreen building to head toward Harriman State Park at 6:30 a.m. sharp! Stony Point Center will have canoes, kayaks, and life jackets for your use. Enjoy the beautiful morning sun on Lake Kanawauke and - if you're really lucky - catch sight of one of the industrious resident beavers at work on their lodge. Dress in clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. (*13 people max. - sign up the evening before at the registration table*)

Thursday Afternoon Options

Creative Earthcare Expressions

Prayerful Painting: Accessing the Divine Creator (Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

This workshop will serve as space to practice a form of visual prayer through the art of contemplative painting. Artistic skill isn't required but openness to creativity and inspiration are. Take this opportunity to make your prayer for Creation into a visual reminder. Followed by Open Studio time.

Jessica Maudlin resources Presbyterians as they address issues of faith, lifestyle choices and sustainability. She also manages the Earth Care Congregation and Hunger Action Advocate networks. She is a graduate of Hanover College where she focused in the study of Liberation Theology as well as international studies. **Location: ART SPACE GREAT ROOM**

Labyrinth Walking Meditation (Thursday, 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.)

Gather for a brief conversation about the practice of walking meditations and the importance of the inner journey as we do the work of earth restoration. Learn about the history of the Stony Point Center Labyrinth. Followed by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in prayer for the earth.

Kitty Ufford-Chase, is the Co-Director of Stony Point Center. A lifelong Quaker, Kitty is particularly interested in strengthening the spiritual grounding needed for bold action for peace, nonviolence, and justice. Kitty runs Cultivating Quiet workshops for guests at Stony Point Center. She has a Masters in Intercultural Relations. Kitty is mother to three children. She enjoys cultivating quiet in her own life by sailing, reading, walking, and birdwatching. **Location: UNDER TREES NEAR LABYRINTH**

Writing Jesus' Baptism in your Watershed (Thursday, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

What if John the Baptist were baptizing Jesus in your watershed. Where would the baptism take place? Is a river, a pond, the ocean? Is the water clean? What animals share the habitat? How does the story come alive when told from your bioregion? Spend time imagining and writing together. This exercise is based on the work of Ched Myers and Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries.

Rev. Dr. Susan De George is Stated Clerk of Hudson River Presbytery and Professor of Religion at Pace University where her specialization is world religions and the environment. Susan has graduate degrees in comparative religion from Columbia, biblical studies from Union Theological Seminary (NYC), law from Pace Law School, 21st century Global Leadership from Drew University. She has a gardening certificate from New York Botanical Gardens. She is a GreenFaith Fellow, a Master Composter-Recycler, and an active member of HRPGreen. She first reimagined Jesus' baptism in the Lower Hudson Watershed during a workshop with Ched Myers (author of Watershed Discipleship) in 2016 and it continues to have bearing on the way she cares for the Hudson River and its surrounding habitat. Susan enjoys swimming, reading, gardening, playing guitar and flute, and any occasion she can get to be outdoors. **Location: SEMINAR 2 and 3**

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| Earth Justice Actions |
| “Healing Our Sacred Sites” Prayer Walk (Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.) |
| <p>Join HRPGreen, a partnership of the Hudson River Presbytery, in a walk to the Hudson River, stopping to witness and pray at sites of environmental death and resurrection. Learn from local faith leaders and activists about the movement to close Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, the effects of climate change on waterfront communities, and the signs of resurrection bearing fruit here in the lower Hudson Valley. The walk is 2.5 miles to the river and back. We will coordinate a carpool for those who would like to participate but are not up for the walk. Departs from Evergreen Lobby</p> |
| Climate Justice Simulation (Thurs., 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.) |
| <p>The United Methodist Women climate justice simulation experience is based on real situations faced by three U.S. communities in their struggles to contend with and organize around environmental injustices. Through the course of the role-playing simulation, participants will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain knowledge about the local conditions that aggravate climate change. 2. Move toward more informed advocacy in solidarity with local communities. 3. Be introduced to the work of three community organizations addressing these particular climate justice issues. <p><i>Facilitated by Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, United Methodist Women’s Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice and Climate Justice Lead.</i> Location: CONFERENCE ROOM A</p> |
| Blanket Exercise (Thurs., 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) |
| <p>The KAIROS Blanket Exercise program is a unique, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. Come and participate - for the healing of human relationships, for the healing of the earth.</p> <p><i>Facilitated by the Rev. Irvin Porter, Associate for Native American Intercultural Congregational Support of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).</i> Location: MEDITATION SPACE</p> |
| Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Open House (Thurs., 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) |
| <p>The Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice (CLBSJ) is located just a short walk from Evergreen, Stony Point Center’s main building. CLBSJ connects scholars, students, clergy, activists, and community organizers who often work separately and without the rich resources and insights they are capable of offering one another. CLBSJ invites you to come check out the incredible eco-theology and justice focused treasures that are a part of the collection. Take a moment to get inspired for upcoming sermons focused on earth care or dive deep into some writings on moving God’s people to take action and stand together at the front lines of climate change. Volunteer</p> |

librarians will be present to welcome you during the Open House hours. *For a glimpse of the inspiring texts in the CLBSJ catalogue see page 20.*

Location: CLBSJ

Enjoy Some Free Time!

Explore Bear Mountain State Park

Bear Mountain State Park is situated in rugged mountains rising from the west bank of the Hudson River, just 15 minutes north of Stony Point Center. The park features a large play field, shaded picnic groves, lake and river fishing access, a swimming pool, [Trailside Museums and Zoo](#), hiking and biking trails. The Perkins Memorial Tower atop Bear Mountain affords spectacular views of the park, the Hudson Highlands and Harriman State Park. The Merry-Go-Round at Bear Mountain State Park features hand painted scenes of the park and 42 hand carved seats of native animals including black bear, wild turkey, deer, raccoon, skunk, Canada goose, fox, swan, bobcat, rabbit and more. You are invited to explore the park at your leisure on Thursday afternoon! We'll start a carpool/rideshare sign up on Wednesday to make sure everyone who wants to go gets there in the smallest number of vehicles possible.



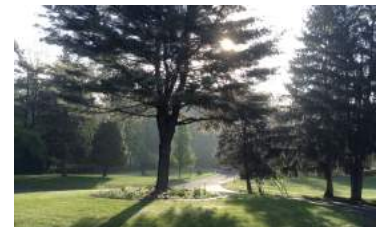
Take a Nap

Sleep aids in the ability to integrate new things you have learned. A nap might be just the thing you need to put all the pieces together and come up with a great, creative idea that the whole conference needs to hear. Do us all a favor and get some rest!

Explore the Grounds (see full description below)

Exploring the Grounds

Make sure you take some time to walk through the Stony Point Center grounds while you are here! The campus maps in your packet will help point you in the right direction...but feel free to go in the other direction, too.



- ❖ **Here Before Us:** The large map located just outside Beech Lodge includes various Native American places of interest in and around Rockland County, the county in which Stony Point Center is located. There is no time frame -- from the Indigenous perspective the old place names are still relevant as the ancestors of these villages and settlements still watch over the land. Study the map and walk mindfully on the land you stand upon. This map was created by Evan Pritchard, founder of The Center for Algonquin Culture.

- ❖ **Meditate on the Labyrinth:** The Stony Point Center labyrinth was recently renovated by labyrinth designer, Lars Howlett of [Discover Labyrinths](#). You are invited to prayerfully walk the labyrinth at any time during your stay. It is a great tool for quieting your mind and integrating new learnings from our time together.
- ❖ **How Do Our Gardens Grow?:** The Stony Point Center farm is a network of large gardens and greenhouses located around campus. Grab a campus map and walk over to the nearest garden to admire what is growing in early August.
- ❖ **Stroll through the Woods:** The Stony Point Center campus features a short walking trail through the woods leading back to a small cemetery by the Methodist Church. Enjoy a quiet morning or evening walk and, perhaps, catch a glimpse of the beautiful red fox who lives in those woods.
- ❖ **Down by the Riverside:** The beautiful Hudson River is less than a mile from campus. If you are up for a longer walk, head right on Cricketown Road, left on West Main, and keep walking straight until you arrive at the river. Note: In the car-oriented suburbs we are short on sidewalks. Please walk carefully, mindful of passing vehicles.
- ❖ **Calling All Bookworms:** The Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice (CLBSJ) is located just a short walk from Evergreen, Stony Point Center’s main building. CLBSJ connects scholars, students, clergy, activists, and community organizers who often work separately and without the rich resources and insights they are capable of offering one another. Visit during the Open House hours on Thursday afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.) or stop by the front desk anytime to receive the code for entry into the library.

Arranging Transportation from the Conference

If you need assistance getting back to public transportation or local airports at the conclusion of the conference, don’t forget to submit your transportation request to Stony Point Center ASAP! Shuttle services must be requested by filling out the online [Transportation Request Form](#) (accessible from a link in the footer of the Stony Point Center website www.stonypointcenter.org). To avoid late fees, please fill out your form *at least* three days in advance of your departure.

Donations

If you are able, we invite you to donate towards the participation of others in the PEC 2019 Conference. This year PEC was glad to offer scholarships to encourage full participation. Your donations will help us to rebuild our scholarship fund for future conferences! You can donate online at <http://presbyearthcare.org/giving/> See PEC Treasurer, Sue Regier to submit your donation using cash or check. Please write “PEC Conference Scholarship” in the memo line of your check or in the dedication for your online gift. Thank you for giving generously!

Questions? Concerns?

PEC Steering Committee members will be available to field questions or concerns during the conference at an “Ask Me” table during breakfasts in Evergreen Dining Hall. The Stony Point Center front desk is also glad to answer any conference center related questions or concerns.



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Selected Titles on Earth Justice

Welcome, Presbyterians for Earthcare!! Below is a sampling of books in our stacks related to Earthcare, Environmental Ethics & Earth Justice Theology. We have pulled these titles for your convenience, and you can find them on a shelf in the front room of the library. A longer version of this list is also available there. To view our full collection, visit www.clbsj.org/library and click on "Library Catalogue."

Barbour, Ian G. *Western Man and Environmental Ethics: Attitudes about Nature and Technology*. Addison-Wesley, 1973.

Carson, Rachel. *Silent Spring*. Riverside Press, 1962.

Corbett, Jim. *Sanctuary for All Life*. Howling Dog Press, 2005.

Derr, Thomas Sieger. *Ecology and Human Liberation: A Theological Critique of the Use and Abuse of Our Birthright*. World Student Christian Federation, 1973.

Dorman, Robert L. *A Word for Nature: Four Pioneering Environmental Advocates, 1845-1913*. University of North Carolina Press, 1998.

Freyfogle, Eric T. *Justice and the Earth: Images of Our Planetary Survival*. University of Illinois Press, 1995.

Klare, Michael. *Blood and Oil: The Consequences of America's Growing Petroleum Dependence*. Metropolitan Books, 2004.

McKibben, Bill. *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough Planet*. Time Books, 2010.

Meeks, Douglas M. *God the Economist: the doctrine of God and political economy*. Fortress Press, 1989.

Orr, David W. *Hope is an Imperative: The Essential David Orr*. Island Press, 2011.

Riley, Glenda. *Women and Nature: saving the "Wild" West*. University of Nebraska Press, 1999.

Ruether, Rosemary Radford. *Gaia & God: an ecofeminist theology of Earth healing*. HarperSanFrancisco, 1992.

Santmire, H. Paul. *Brother Earth, Nature, God and Ecology in a Time of Crisis*. T. Nelson, 1970.

Stone, Michael K. and Zenobia Barlow, eds. *Ecological Literacy: Educating Our Children for a Sustainable World*. Sierra Club Books, 2005.

Thistlethwaite, Susan Brooks. *Adam, Eve, and the Genome: The Human Genome Project and Theology*. Fortress Press, 2003.

Volk, Tyler. *Gaia's Body: Toward a Physiology of the Earth*. Copernicus, 1998.

Wargo, John. *Green Intelligence: Creating Environments that Protect Human Health*. Yale University Press, 2009.

Wilczek, Frank. *A Beautiful Question: Finding Nature's Deep Design*. Penguin Press, 2015.

Come by during our Open House, Thursday August 8, 1-4:30pm, and talk to volunteer librarians!