

# **2021 CONFERENCE CREATION CARE BUFFET: COME TO THE TABLE**

**SUNDAYS AUGUST 1, 8 & 15**  
**ZOOM SESSIONS**

Session 1: 4:30-6pm EDT;  
Dinner Break with special presentations  
Session 2: 7-9pm EDT

## **WORKSHOPS**

Worship, Climate Change, Youth, Food Waste, Soil  
Sisters, Mining Legacies, Spanish, & MORE

## **MUSIC**

Folk, New Hymns, Jazz and SPECIAL APPEARANCE  
**DAVID LAMOTTE IN LIVE CONCERT!!**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Drs. Douglas Moo, Wheaton College  
Dr. Jonathon Moo, Whitworth University

## **WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes  
Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson  
Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo

## **FOLLOW-ON ACTIVISM**

INITIATIVES IN CONGREGATIONS, COMMUNITIES AND  
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2021 Presbyterians for Earth Care ZOOM Conference

4:30 – 9:00 PM EDT

	AUG 1	AUG 8	AUG 15
4:30 -4:40	Gathering-Welcome	Gathering-Welcome	Gathering-Welcome
4:40 – 5:15 Worship	<b>Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes</b>  Music - Carolyn Winfrey Gillette	<b>Rev. Dr. Herbert Nelson</b>  Music – David LaMotte	<b>Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo</b>  Music – Bill Carter
5:15 - 5:55 Bible Study	Dr. Douglas Moo Dr. Johnathan Moo	Dr. Douglas Moo Dr. Johnathan Moo	Dr. Johnathan Moo
6:00 – 7:00	<b>DINNER BREAK</b>		
	<b>Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program</b>	<b>Jessica Maudlin, PCUSA</b> Earth Care Congregations	
7:00 – 7:15	GATHERING		
7:15 – 8:30	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b>		
WORKSHOP A	<b>#1 - Rev. Emily Schwenker,</b> <i>Spiritual Practices for Activists</i>	<b>#5 - Dr. Janet Adair Hansen</b> <i>Celebrating Worship and Creation Care</i>	<b>#9 - Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons</b> <i>Creation Centered Faith Formation</i>
WORKSHOP B	<b>#2 - Daniela Ochoa</b> <i>Compost Matters</i> <i>Food Waste &amp; Composting</i>	<b>#6 - David Grace &amp; Youth</b> <i>Youth Carbon Analyst Program</i>	<b>#10 - Kathy Mitchell</b> <i>Legacy of Uranium Mining on the Navajo Nation.</i>
WORKSHOP C	<b>#3 - Dr. Katharine Hayhoe</b> <b>Global Weirding</b> , videos and live discussion with <b>Dr. Mark Eakin</b> , Retired NOAA oceanographer <b>Colin Evans</b> , Cornell University	<b># 7 - Texas Soil Sisters</b> <i>Healing and Reconciliation of Broken Tables</i>	<b>#11 - Dr. Lorna Jaramillo Nieves,</b> Presbyterian Latino Network for Creation Care <i>Introducción al Cambio Climático</i> <i>[Introduction to Climate Change ]</i>
WORKSHOP D	<b>#4 - Panel Discussion and Attendee Participation Practical Ideas For Creation Care</b>	<b># 8 - Daniela Ochoa</b> <i>Abono orgánico, herramienta redentora</i>	<b># 12 - Tom Matte, Curtis Baysinger, &amp; Linda Racine,</b> Presbyterians for Carbon Dividends, <i>Why Carbon Fee and Dividend?</i>
8:30 – 9:00	<b>CONCERTS / GATHERING / SOCIAL BREAKOUTS</b>		
	<b>LET US GATHER</b> Bring to the Table your local food and beverage.	<b>CONCERT</b> <b>David LaMotte</b>	<b>NETWORKING</b>

# WORSHIP

Aug 1

**Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes**

**Music: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**



**Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes**, theologian, liturgist and artist, a native Brazilian, completed his Ph.D. in Liturgy and Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. A much sought after speaker, writer, performer, and consultant, Dr. Carvalhaes has preached at *Wild Goose Festival*, *Festival of Homiletics*, *Forum for Theological Education*, *Child Defense Fund* – *Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry* and many other places. Recently he has been working on a global project called *Re-Imagining Worship As Acts Of Defiance And Alternatives In The Context Of Empire*. With a grant from the *Council of World Mission*, he is leading a workshop on liturgy amidst the poor with scholars, pastors and students in four continents: Asia, Africa, Americas and Europe. Dr. Carvalhaes serves on editorial/advisory board of academic journals and publishing houses including *Currents of Encounter Series* (Brill, Netherlands); *Cross-Currents*; *Ecclesial Practices: Journal of Ecclesiology and Ethnography*; *Horizontes Decoloniales/Decolonial Horizons* (Argentina) and *TEAR: Journal of Liturgical Resources* of CLAI, *Conselho Latino Americano de Igrejas*.



**Carolyn Winfrey Gillette** is the parish associate pastor at First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, New York, a small town near the Finger Lakes region. She has served churches in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania and has been a chaplain at two hospitals and several hospices. Her 400+ hymns can be found in her two books and over twenty other books, her website and over 12,000 other websites, and in magazines (*Christian Century*, *Presbyterian Outlook*, *Call to Worship*, *Sojourners*, *The New Yorker* and others), newspapers, PBS-TV and NPR about how her hymns relate issues of faith and life today. Interfaith Power & Light, World Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches and the National Council of Churches have promoted her hymns on creation care. Her biography by a Canadian scholar is in *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*. She was given the Ecumenical and Interreligious Service Recognition Award of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the 222nd General Assembly. Her 400+ new hymns to well-known hymn tunes can be found at [www.carolynshymns.com](http://www.carolynshymns.com)

# WORSHIP

Aug 8

**Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II**

**Music: David Lamott**



**Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II** serves as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the largest Reformed denomination in the United States. Nelson is the first African American to lead the denomination, which has a 300-year history in the U.S. the stated his duties include interpreting assembly actions, representing the church on various denominational and ecumenical councils,

witnessing on behalf of the church to social justice issues, and making statements as directed by an assembly. Prior to becoming Stated Clerk, Nelson served as director of the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C.. Nelson served as associate director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis. Nelson holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; a Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Urban Studies from Johnson C. Smith University. He is also a featured conference preacher and writer, and serves on various boards and professional organizations. His international travel includes trips to South Africa, Geneva, Switzerland, Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Havana, Cuba, on behalf of the PC(USA).



**David LaMotte** is an award-winning songwriter, speaker and writer. He has performed over 3000 concerts and released twelve full-length CDs of primarily original music, touring in all of the fifty states, as well as five of the seven continents. His

dense speaking and workshop calendar has included presenting at the PC(USA) Mission to the United Nations, keynoting peace conferences in Berlin and at the Scottish Parliament, as well as offering the baccalaureate for 2016 graduates of Columbia Seminary. As a keynote speaker, and then Critical Conversations Coordinator, he has facilitated conversations about race, privilege, and positive change for thousands of college students at the Montreat College Conference. His TEDx talk on what music can teach us about peacemaking was published in 2018.

<https://www.davidlamotte.com/about/>

# WORSHIP

Aug 15

**Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo**

**Music: Bill Carter**



**Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo**, eco-teóloga venezolana y pastora presbiteriana, desde el 2018 coordina el alcance de GreenFaith a las comunidades de fe en Latinoamérica y latinas en los Estados Unidos. Neddy obtuvo su Doctorado en Ministerio en "Greening the Church" de Drew University y desde entonces ha impartido cursos de eco-teología en seminarios de México, Guatemala, Perú, Bolivia y los Estados Unidos. En el 2020

Neddy recibió el premio anual de Presbyterians for Earth Care por su compromiso por la Justicia Ambiental.

**Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo**, Venezuelan eco-theologian and Presbyterian pastor, since 2018 coordinates the outreach of GreenFaith to the faith communities in Latin America and Latinas in the United States. Neddy obtained her Doctorate in Ministry from Drew University's "Greening the Church" and since then has taught eco-theology courses at seminaries in Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Bolivia, and the United States. Neddy received the 2020 award from Presbyterians for Earth Care for her commitment to Environmental Justice.]



**Rev. Bill Carter** is well known jazz pianist and Presbyterian minister. Carter is a well know speaker and has spoken at General Assembly, national Association of Presbyterian Church Educators conferences as well as many national and regional conferences. After years of pretending to split the life of faith from the music of jazz, in 1993 he formed a jazz ensemble called the [Presbybop Quartet](https://presbybop.com/cds-and-downloads), Presbybop Music is his means to integrate his strong Presbyterian faith with the rhythms of bebop. Eight recordings and numerous concerts later, the quartet has become nationally acclaimed for its music and liturgical leadership. He has recorded 10 cd's including *Jazz For The Earth*.

<https://presbybop.com/cds-and-downloads>

# Bible Studies & Breakouts

**Aug 1 & 8 (Videos – Drs. Douglas & Jonathan Moo with discussion breakouts)**

**Aug 15 (Live - Dr. Jonathan Moo)**



**Dr. Douglas Moo** Professor, Theology Faculty, Wheaton College  
Kenneth T Wessner Professor He holds graduated degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and University of St. Andrews



**Dr. Jonathan Moo** Professor of New Testament and Environmental Studies at Whitworth University, Lindaman Chair. He holds graduate degrees in both biblical studies and wildlife ecology, and his teaching encompasses courses in science and faith, New Testament and environmental studies.. He regularly takes students into the mountains for

study, reflection, and recreation and offers a Theology and Ecology course every other January at Tall Timber Ranch in the North Cascades.

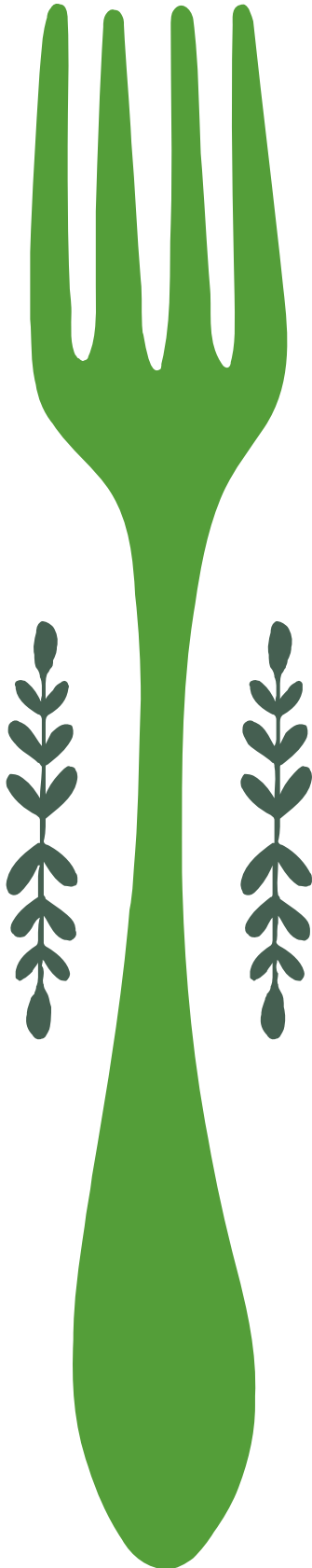
## WORKSHOPS

### AUGUST 1

#### #1 - Spiritual Practices for Activists

**Workhorses or Overflowing Love?** *Trusting that it is God who inspires our interests and calls us to acts of compassion and sacred activism, how do we stay connected to the Holy One who lights the spark and fans the flames of our passions? How do we keep from burning out when the opportunities and demands to faithfully address issues of global significance feel overwhelming? Join us on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, as we explore various practices that will help us stay centered, balanced and connected to our life-giving God.*





**Rev. Emily Schwenker**, ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Validated Specialized Ministry of Spiritual Direction, primarily offers individual and group spiritual guidance, she has also served as adjunct faculty at Lancaster Theological Seminary where she taught spiritual and ministerial formation, and continues to serve on the staff of the Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program. Following her passion for spiritual formation, Emily leads retreats and small groups, as well as consults with individuals and congregations on matters of spiritual growth and discernment.

## WORKSHOPS

### AUGUST 1

#### **#2 - Compost Matters (repeated Aug 8 in Spanish)**

##### **Make Composting part of your faith toolkit**

*Compost - a soil amendment is also an inoculator for environmental justice. Embrace this paradoxical old-made-new redemptive practice moment. learn how incorporating composting to your church practices can attract new members and re-activate stagnant fellowship. Composting allows us to cherish all kinds of conversations and encounters (from the micro to macro).*

*Composting is the opportunity for love and reconnection, learning how to love deeper by composting your scraps. Learn how this practical and fun tool in your kitchen and backyard can also enhance your spiritual toolkit. 101 & 102 basics for home/backyard and community small scale composting will be covered too!*

*Daniela dares to hope your perspective on all compost contributors will never be the same from the banana peels and coffee grains in your breakfast to your gut microbiota, take a glimpse from a new point of view to ponder life's ancient questions.*



**Daniela Ochoa** Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez is a trilingual consultant and translator devoted to facilitating regenerative behavior. She specializes in food systems, food waste reduction, and compost as key solutions for Earth Stewardship, Environmental Justice, and Climate Action. She is a devoted mother & wife, and a sister to all of creation. Her impact and career has orbited mostly near Morelia (Mexico) Curitiba (Brazil), Austin (Texas) and the DC metro area. If you feel the green urge, please join her Instagram @regenerativesolutions and/or follow her fun tiktoks with composting tips at @regenerando

# WORKSHOPS

## AUGUST 1

**#3 - Global Weirding** *Dr. Hayhoe's video series Global Weirding: Climate, Politics, and Religion is a wonderful resource available online. Dr. Mark Eakin and Colin Evens will be live and discussing the current state of climate change science. They will use a compilation of 5-10 minute Hayhoe videos to discuss how you can discuss climate change in your congregation. Preview these videos you can use in your own congregations and communities.*



**Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (videos)**

atmospheric scientist and professor of political science at Texas Tech University, where she is director of the Climate Science Center. Hayhoe joined the Nature Conservancy as Chief Scientist for the organization March 2021.



**Dr. Mark Eakin**, a PC(USA) Ruling Elder, worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for over 30 years, last directing Coral Reef Watch, a program that forecasts coral reef bleaching around the world. He has testified before the US Congress on the impacts of climate change, has been a contributing

author on two Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports and was Chief Scientific Advisor for the Sundance and Emmy Award winning film, *Chasing Coral*.



**Colin Evans**, Colin Evans is finishing his Ph.D. at Cornell University's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences with his studies focusing on droughts related to the Climate Crisis.



# WORKSHOPS

## AUGUST 1

### #4 - *Practical Ideas For Creation Care*

*Moderated by Rev Bruce Gillette*

#### **Panel Discussion and Attendee Participation**

**Sharing Great Ideas for Creation Care for Individuals, Families & Congregations.** Conference participants are encouraged to bring their ideas to this workshop to share with others from all over the country. If possible, please come prepared with handouts (with contact information on them for those who want to learn more) that can be shared in this workshop's zoom chat. Group facilitator will be Bruce Gillette with friends . . .



**Rev. Bruce Gillette**, Vice-Moderator of Presbyterians for Earth Care and pastor of the First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, NY, wrote the overture approved by the 2016 PC(USA) General Assembly and Presbyteries that amended the *Book of Order* by adding the phrase “caring for God’s creation” to the responsibilities for all church members. He also wrote the “Creation and Unity” report approved by the World Communion of Reformed Churches’ 2017 General Council meeting in Germany. Bruce helped found Delaware Interfaith Power & Light. Bruce and his wife, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, were the co-pastors of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Delaware when it installed 180 solar panels on its sanctuary roof and built community and rain gardens.

# WORKSHOPS

## AUGUST 8

### **#5 - Celebrating Worship and Creation Care**

*Tips on how to gear worship for your congregation/audience, use multi-media worship such as graphics, videos and audio, incorporate sensory elements; taking advantage of Earth Day, Seasons of Creation & other special emphases; find worship resources online – through PEC, Creation Justice Ministries, “Soil & Water Stewardship Week”- NACD, Season of Creation – World Council of Churches & also Uniting Church in Australia.*



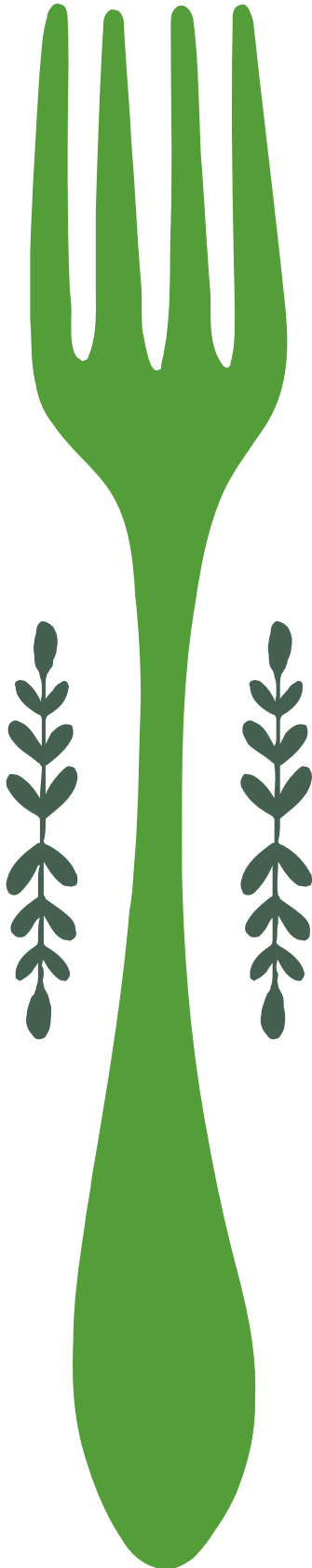
**Rev. Dr. Janet Hansen's** doctoral thesis from San Francisco Theological Seminary was on “Wilderness Spirituality.” Ordained in Santa Fe Presbytery in 1982, she served pastorates in Texas, Wyoming, New Mexico and Central New York until retiring in July, 2018. She is now an Interim Pastor for a UCC church near Acadia National Park. Hansen was a “Restoring Creation Enabler” for Wyoming and then Sierra Blanca Presbytery in the 1990s, served on the Steering Committee for “Presbyterians for Restoring Creation” (before name changed to “Presbyterians for Earth Care”) 1997-2000, was Coordinator for the Feb. 2000 national PRC Conference in South Carolina, was newsletter editor and webpages editor for PRC 2000-2003.

### **# 6 - Youth Carbon Analysts for Church (Energy) Renewal**

The Youth Carbon Analyst Program, encourages the Church to reimagine energy systems for love of neighbor, community, and world.

*Going beyond his April 2021 PEC webinar 'Greening Your Presbytery through youth engagement', Dave Grace will now be joined by two youth carbon analysts - Anne-Fleur Winter and Hannah Wilson-Black. Together, they will share YCAP's experience seeking to leverage intergenerational potentials to bring meaningful climate action at congregational to denominational scales. The panel discussion aims to make visible how the renewable energy transition is an important task for Christian Education. In addition to being invited to discuss with the panel, participants will be provided with practical tools to accomplish the following:*

- 1). Calculate your congregation's carbon footprint.*
- 2). Set an initial plan for how much solar capacity your church should install.*



**David Grace & Anne-Fleur Winter and Hannah Wilson-Black**

For the past decade, Dave Grace has led education programs at the intersection of faith and the environment - including eight years in PC(USA) congregational settings. Currently, he leads the Youth Carbon Analyst Program which he created in 2018 as a program of the Earth Care Network in National Capital Presbytery to inventory and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions while providing vocational discernment pathways for high school and college youth. Dave has a bachelor's from Warren Wilson College and a MEM & M.Div. from Duke University. In the fall, he will be entering a PhD program at University of Michigan in the School for Environment and Sustainability. You can follow Dave Grace on Twitter @Faith\_Ecology. To start the Youth Carbon Analyst Program in your presbytery, please contact Dave at [youthcarbonanalystprogram@gmail.com](mailto:youthcarbonanalystprogram@gmail.com).

## #7 - Texas Soil Sisters: Healing and Reconciliation of Broken Tables

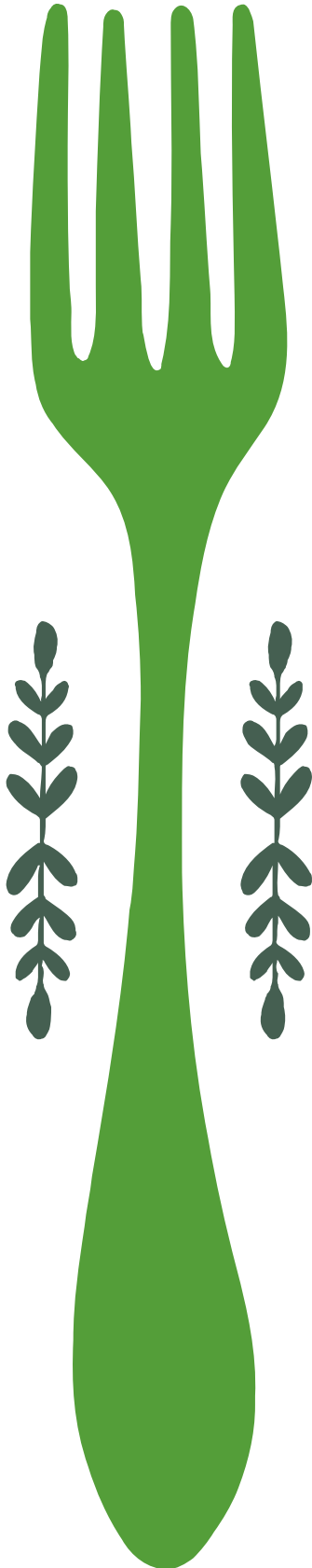
*What should be the church's role and ecclesial response in how we reimagine wholeness amid the brokenness at God's Table? We will explore regenerative farming, food apartheid, displacement of refugees and the socio-ecological theological implications and how this frames how we "set the table. We will ask ourselves can we care for the land and each other, and ultimately, if things need to be dismantled, what needs to be rebuilt as we are all called to be the body of Christ?*



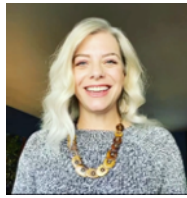
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**Rev. Yvette Blair-Lavallais**, pastor, eco-womanist theologian and food justice strategist, uses her prophetic voice to help the oppressed navigate liminal spaces. A candidate for the Doctor of Ministry at Memphis Theological Seminary, her work focuses on the intersection of faith, food insecurity, systemic injustices, and the displacement of Black, Latinx and Indigenous peoples.



**Emily Ling** Assistant Farm Manager at New Leaf Agriculture near Austin, Texas, that employs refugees in dignified work through regenerative agriculture. Emily currently serves as the Social Justice editor of the *EcoTheo Review*, a publication that amplifies the work of writers and artists who are exploring the intersection of ecology, spirituality, justice, and creativity.



**Rev Sarah Macais**, a pastoralist and theologian, lead her to the ministry and practice of regenerative agriculture increasing biodiversity, improving the water cycle, and sequestering carbon as an act of resilience in mitigating climate change. She and her husband live at Sister Grove Farm , located on the in the Lavon watershed of the Trinity River basin - an area once called home by the settled and agricultural Kitikiti'sh--or Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.



**Colette Van Hanna**, MDIV, MSSW, Socio-Ecological Theologian, Chaplain, Researcher, and Agtivist. Colette's Heritage Project consults churches and land-owners to heal and plant on unused land. This outreach pairs with education to invoke a Call to Action to contribute to healing the root causes of environmental sin, racism, systemic inequity, and political apathy. Her doctoral dissertation is establishing a replicable evidence-based model of garden cultivation and land stewardship.

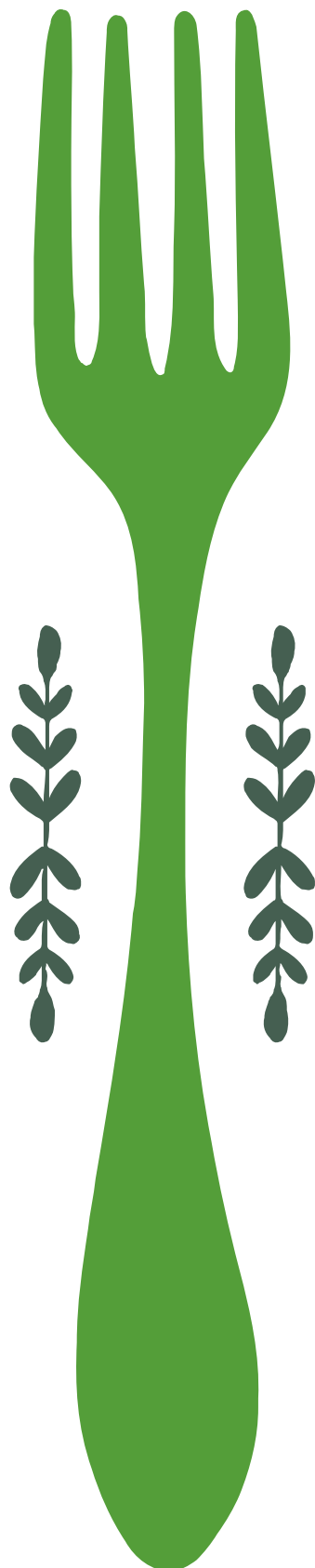
## **# 8 - Food Waste & Composting**

### ***Abono orgánico, herramienta redentora***

Abraza este momento paradójico con la oportunidad de amar y reconectar aprendiendo a amar más profundamente al convertir tus sobras de alimentos en abono. Aprende cómo esta herramienta divertida y práctica en su cocina y patio trasero también puede mejorar su caja de herramientas espirituales. Se cubrirán también los conceptos básicos para el compostaje en el hogar / patio trasero y comunitario a pequeña escala.

¿Qué piensa de la frase “*Si pudiéramos hacer que todos hicieran abono, jeso nos salvaría!*” ? :) El compostaje nos permite apreciar todo tipo de conversaciones y encuentros (desde lo micro hasta lo macro). Es una enmienda del suelo pero también un inoculador de la justicia ambiental. Echa un vistazo a esta vieja práctica redentora y aprenda cómo la incorporación de la elaboración de abono orgánico casero en las prácticas de apostolado de tu iglesia puede atraer nuevos miembros y reavivar el compañerismo estancado.

Daniela no te garantiza que te perderás el miedo por completo a los bichitos, pero se atreve a esperar que tu perspectiva sobre todos los contribuyentes al compost nunca sea la misma, desde las cáscaras de plátano y los granos de café en tu desayuno hasta tu propia microbiota intestinal. Demos un vistazo a este viejo-nuevo hábito que nos permite reflexionar sobre las viejas preguntas de la vida.



**Daniela Ochoa**, Daniela Ochoa González es consultora y traductora trilingüe dedicada a facilitar el comportamiento regenerativo. Se especializa en sistemas alimentarios, reducción del desperdicio de alimentos y el compostaje como soluciones clave para la mayordomía de la tierra, la justicia ambiental y la acción climática. Ella aspira diariamente a ser una madre y esposa devota, y buena hermana de toda la creación. Su impacto y carrera han orbitado principalmente cerca de Morelia (México), Curitiba (Brasil), Austin (Texas) y el área metropolitana de DC. Si siente el impulso verde, únase a su Instagram @regenerativesolutions y / o siga sus divertidos tikloks con consejos de compostaje en @regenerando

## WORKSHOPS

### AUGUST 15

**# 9 - Creation Centered Faith Formation** *What does it matter to think about our faith formation practices through the lens of Creation? This workshop will look at the theological lens of creation and how that impacts practices, questions, and content of faith formation in communities and congregations.*

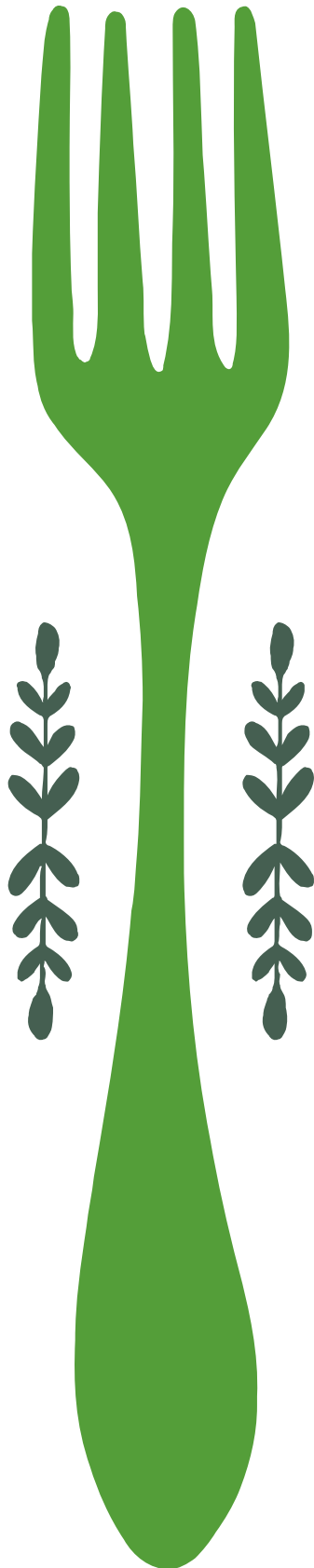


**Shelly Barrick Parsons**

Shelly Barrick Parsons serves as Executive Director of Capital Trees an organization seeking to build and maintain public green spaces in the city of Richmond, VA. She is also an ordained minister in the PC(USA) and graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary (MACE, MDiv, PhD in Christian Education). Shelly sees green space (God's creation) as a place to draw us closer to God, our best selves, and our community.

**# 10 - Legacy of Uranium Mining on the Navajo Nation** *Thirty years after uranium mining ceased on the Navajo Nation, what are the lasting effects and damages incurred to the land and the indigenous people who call this sacred land "home". This is a story shared by many indigenous people around the world, the ongoing struggle for limited resources and those entrusted to care for, restore, and protect what the earth provides.*





**Kathy Mitchell**

Kathy Mitchell serves as Elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Chinle, Arizona, Navajo Nation and Moderator-Elect for the Synod of the Southwest. She has three grown children and is a school counselor at the local public school. As a lifelong resident of Chinle, near Canyon de Chelly, a sacred land for the Navajo people, the canyon is both a place of solace and refuge.

**# 11 - Introducción al Cambio Climático** *Desde el principio la Escritura nos habla de una creación bondadosa y del mandato de Dios de cuidar la tierra y todo lo que hay en ella; sin embargo, estamos viviendo una crisis ecológica sin precedentes y nuestras comunidades están sufriendo los efectos de cambios climáticos que son resultado de la explotación indiscriminada y del abuso al que hemos sometido a la creación. ¿Qué es el cambio climático? ¿Cómo afecta a la comunidad latina? Y ¿Qué acciones concretas podemos tomar como pueblo de Dios para sanar la tierra?*

*From the beginning, Scripture speaks to us of a loving creation and of God's command to care for the earth and everything in it; However, we are experiencing an unprecedented ecological crisis and our communities are suffering the effects of climatic changes that are the result of the indiscriminate exploitation and abuse that we have subjected to creation. What is climate change? How does it affect the Latino community? And what concrete actions can we take as God's people to heal the earth?]*

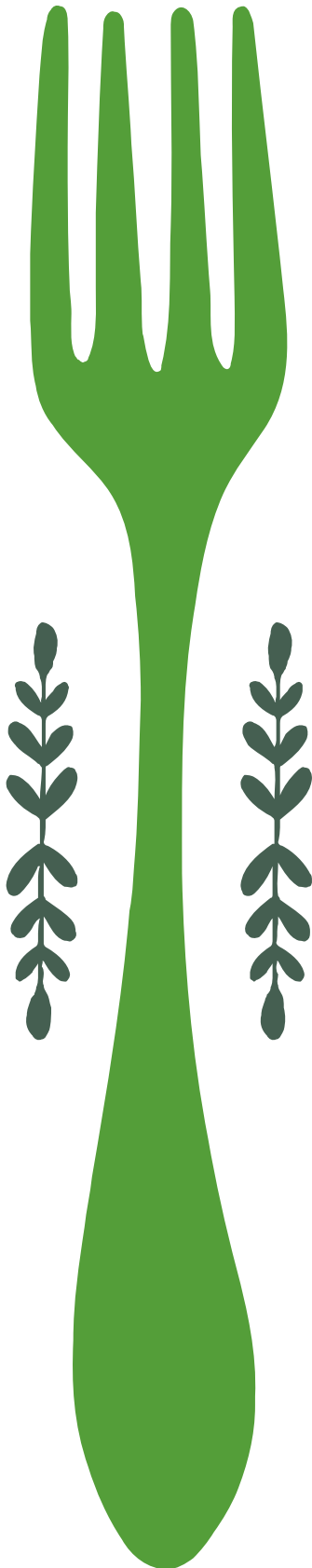


**Dra. Lorna G. Jaramillo Nieves** & miembros de la Red Latina Presbiteriana para el Cuidado de la Creación La Dra. Lorna G. Jaramillo-Nieves tiene un doctorado en Geología de la Universidad de Colorado, Boulder. Actualmente es Decana Auxiliar de Investigación, en el Decanato de Estudios Graduados

e Investigación en la Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, mantiene un enfoque de investigación interdisciplinaria con énfasis en la geología y los impactos de los procesos geológicos en la sociedad, incluyendo el cambio climático. La doctora Jaramillo-Nieves es además miembro de la Iglesia Presbiteriana en Hato Rey, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

[Dr. Lorna G. Jaramillo Nieves & members of the Latino Presbyterian Network for Creation Care. Dr. Lorna G. Jaramillo-Nieves has a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is currently Assistant Dean of Research, in the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, she maintains an interdisciplinary research approach with an emphasis on geology and the impacts of geological processes including climate change, on society. Dra. Lorna G. Jaramillo-Nieves is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Hato Rey in San Juan, Puerto Rico.]





## # 12 - Why Carbon Fee and Dividend?

Join us for a workshop outlining:

- A brief overview of the climate crisis--the scope and urgency of the problem.
- An overview of various policy approaches (investment, regulations, cap and trade) along with strengths and drawbacks with each.
- Why a carbon fee & dividend should be a key part of any legislative package.
- What you can do--actions individuals, churches, and Presbyteries can take.



**Tom Matte** is an environmental epidemiologist and public health physician with more than 30 years of experience in public health and environmental health practice and research, domestically and internationally. For several years up to 2016 he served as an Assistant Commissioner with the New York City Department of

Health and Mental Hygiene, where he led teams that launched programs studying [climate](#) and [air pollution](#) exposures and health impacts among city residents and communities. This work contributed to several NYC sustainability plans and supported regulations and programs like the phase out of the most polluting heating fuels, which helped cut sulfur dioxide pollution by nearly 70% in five years, Cool Neighborhoods NYC and the COVID-19 heat wave plan to protect vulnerable populations.



**Curtis Baysinger** is a Professor of Anesthesiology at the Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, TN. He is a retired Army officer, an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and a volunteer with the church's Living Waters outreach. Curtis also works extensively on several global health initiatives primarily through Kybele Worldwide, a non-profit that improves maternal and child health immediately after birth. He has given presentations to medical groups, congregations, and at Vanderbilt University on health and climate change.



**Linda Racine** is the co-lead for Presbyterians for Carbon Dividends, a partner organization of PEC, working to engage Presbyterians at every level-- local congregations, Presbyteries, and nationwide PC USA offices—in climate action, offering educational seminars and vehicles to communicate with Congress. She is an elder at the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City, Michigan, and co-chair of the church's Creation Care Team. Linda is also the Michigan Co-Coordinator for Citizens' Climate Lobby, a non-partisan volunteer organization working on national policy for climate solutions.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2021 ZOOM CONFERENCE**  
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