Having recently celebrated Earth Day (April 22, 2021), this month’s newsletter lifts up faith-based educational resources that focus on environmental stewardship. In Genesis 1:31 we are reminded that "God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good." We are part of that creation, interconnected with other people, other creatures, the plants, the water, the air, and the land. We are called to be faithful stewards and care for ALL that God has made.

Visit our Website

Recommended Resources

Resources for Children and Youth

The World Council of Churches offers suggestions and good practices for Sunday schools, church-run schools, and summer camps to implement the "Churches' Commitments to Children" in their toolkit, Climate Justice with and for Children and Youth In Churches.

In a Picture Book Theology post four children's books on God's amazing creation and moments of light and dark are featured.

Interfaith Power & Light provides a list of environmental stewardship lessons, activities, books, videos, and curriculum for children and youth.

Caroline Bologna shares suggestions on stories that feature messages about recycling, the beauty of nature, and environmental activism in her HuffPost article entitled, 25 Books That Teach Kids To Care About The Environment. She also offers some ideas for parents in her piece How To Raise Kids Who Care About The Environment.

Resources for Adults

The Environmental Justice Mission Group is offering NH Conference congregations a gift that we hope will keep on giving - a curriculum full of
resources that will help communities become green (or greener) churches. There are links to articles, books and video resources, and a step-by step plan for meeting together to help you restore and protect God’s creation.

**Earth Ministry** is an interfaith organization committed to engaging the Christian community in environmental stewardship. It offers free resources including online events, workshops, DVDs and study guides.

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**Recommended Websites**

**Earthday.org**

Their Earth Day 2021 theme, "Restore Our Earth", focused on natural processes and emerging green technologies that can restore harmony with the world’s ecosystems. 

[Learn more about Faith & The Environment >>](#)

**Creation Justice Ministries**

The 2021 theme for Creation Justice Ministries was "A New Heaven and A New Earth". They explored the topics of public health, environmental racism, and eco-justice in their educational resources. 

[Learn more >>](#)

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**Events**

**Horton Center - Climate Buddies Camp**

If you are going into 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade in the fall then we invite you to join Deans Peter Lovett and Judie Bryant July 19-24 and jump into Creation for the week!

*Everything, everyone is very good* (Gen. 1:31). Climate Buddies will gently explore the natural setting on Pine Mountain—rock ledges, birds, trees, bees, streams and more! And, we will marvel at how good and interconnected everything is. Art, songs, bible stories and courageous words of Greta Thunberg will help campers to see how they can play a role in caring for God’s creation. Come join us as we celebrate the natural world!

Sign up for this camp (or any 2021 summer camp session) on our website: [www.HortonCenter.org](http://www.HortonCenter.org)

*NOTE: If in-person camp must be cancelled, you can get a full refund*

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**Last Call: NEAUCE Virtual Event: April 30 and May 1**
You are Invited to Join the Daily Activities and Challenges Planned for Youth/Young Adults at General Synod 33

The youth and young adults taking part in the United Church of Christ’s Special Edition General Synod will have two to six hours of daily programming over the course of seven days, designed just for them. Synod, to be held online July 11-18, 2021, gets started a day early for the young people with an “unboxing ceremony” Saturday, July 10, at 3 p.m. EDT.

Save the Date! The Fall Confirmation Retreat Will Be Friday evening, October 1 to Sunday, October 3, 2021
Download the brochure or contact Ann Desrochers for more information.

**Employment**

For **local opportunities** visit the [Classifieds/Help Wanted](#) section of the NH Conference UCC website.

Willing to relocate? The [UCC Ministry Opportunities webpage](#) is a great source for Christian Education and Faith Formation [openings nationwide](#).

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**The Word of God**

*O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full*
of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Psalm 65:5-13 NRSV - Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty