

## **Environmental Statements by Denomination**

### **Buddhist Peace Fellowship**

The BPF's mission is to make clear public witness to Buddhist practice and interdependence as a way of peace and protection for all beings; to raise peace, environmental, feminist, and social justice concerns among North American Buddhists; to bring a Buddhist perspective of nonduality to contemporary social action and environmental movements; to encourage the practice of nonviolence based on the rich resources of traditional Buddhist and Western spiritual teachings.

[http://www.bpf.org/html/current\\_projects/environmental\\_initiatives](http://www.bpf.org/html/current_projects/environmental_initiatives)

### **Church of the Brethren**

The Brethren Witness/Washington Office encourages a multifaceted response to the environmental crisis. They offer "a wide variety of materials call us to account for our own actions—and challenge us to live more responsibly and sustainably. They also have resource people available and links to resources at their Care for Creation site: <http://www.brethren.org/genbd/witness/CareforCreation.htm>

### **Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life**

A project to promote environmental education, advocacy, and action in the American Jewish community. Sponsored by a broad coalition of Jewish organizations, it is a member of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. In addition to articles and essays, the newsletter *To Serve and To Protect*, offers resource and advocacy information, including information about Jewish institutions given grants by the Coalition that offer educational programs for all ages. Their website can be found at: <http://www.coejl.org/index.php>

### **Disciples of Christ**

Disciples Home Ministries connects Disciples to ecumenical resources and invites them to make the Alvema Covenant as a demonstration of personal responsibility toward the environment. Additionally, DHM is developing a network that will carry on the work started by the original Task Force. Meanwhile, we are moving away from using "environment" as that word no longer conveys our relationship with and dependence on Earth's life systems, hence the term Earth Literacy."

<http://www.homelandministries.org/PublicWitness/Environment.htm>

### **Episcopal Church (USA)**

The Episcopal Ecological Network is a nationwide network that coordinates with the [Peace and Justice Ministries Office](#) of the Episcopal Church USA. As such we are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and find our roots in the Celtic Spirituality of this tradition. The *EEN* includes all concerned Episcopalians who are helping our Church assume a leadership role in the worldwide environmental movement, just as our Church leads in other peace and justice issues. Find them online at: <http://eenonline.org/>

### **Evangelical Environment Network**

As part of a growing movement among Christians to respond faithfully to the biblical mandate for caring stewardship of God's creation. EEN recognizes many environmental problems are fundamentally spiritual problems. Publishes Creation Care magazine. Engages directly in advocacy. Produces curricula and other resources for pastors and laity. Find them online at: <http://www.creationcare.org/>

### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

The ELCA has published a Social Statement, Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice, which delineates their stance on the environmental crisis, and a call to action. The entire Social Statement may be viewed on-line at their Web site. The ELCA has even designated the second Sunday after Pentecost to be Stewardship of Creation Sunday. Find links to these statements on their advocacy webpage: <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements/Environment.aspx>

### **Mennonite Creation Care Network**

A network for Mennonite people and agencies actively engaged in the care and restoration of God's Creation as part of the missional commitment of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. They seek to equip lay people and leaders with tools, resources and models that will educate, encourage, and inspire the church to care for creation, which is an expression of God's love. <http://www.mennocreacioncare.org/>

### **Presbyterian Church (USA)**

The PC(USA) actively promotes sustainability and the health of the entire planet. In 1990 the General Assembly adopted its most comprehensive statement on the environment and social justice. Presbyterians for Restoring Creation is a faith community dedicated to environmental wholeness with social justice, seeking to be a prophetic voice for substantive change in the church and in the world. PRC is a member-based, grassroots, non-profit organization operating primarily in the Presbyterian Church (USA) but also in ecumenical circles. <http://www.prcweb.org/>

### **Quaker Earthcare Witness**

Quaker Earthcare Witness is a spiritually-centered movement of Quakers and like-minded people seeking ways to integrate concern for the environment with Friends' long-standing testimonies for simplicity, peace, and equality. Find them online at: <http://www.fcun.org/>

### **Roman Catholic Church - U.S. Catholic Conference**

The Environmental Justice Program (EJP) calls Catholics to a deeper respect for God's creation and engages parishes in activities that deal with environmental problems, particularly as they affect the poor. Their website offers theological background, useful resources and a project for Children's Environmental Health, see this at: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/ejp/>

## **Unitarian Universalist Association**

UU Ministry for the Earth-- This ministry seeks to facilitate and support the work of Unitarian Universalists by affirming and promoting the Seventh Principle of the UUA, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Our members believe that the Earth is in peril from human activities, and for us as people of faith, this is a moral and spiritual crisis of utmost importance." Green Sanctuary Program-- A Green Sanctuary is a congregation that lives out its commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable life style for its members as individuals and as a faith community. <http://www.uuministryforearth.org/cgi/news.cgi>

## **United Church of Christ**

The UCC's commitment to peace and justice ministries offers a number of resources for integrating environmental justice concerns on the overall peace and justice pages. These offer resources, information, stories and advocacy. Find them online at: <http://www.ucc.org/justice/environment.htm>

## **United Methodist Church**

The UMC website on the environment offers denominational statements on the environment, various resolutions on environmental issues and a number of resources.

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