



CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Justice for God's planet and God's people.

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Contextual & Field Education Program Fact Sheet

Mission:

Creation Justice Ministries educates, equips, and mobilizes Christian communions/denominations, congregations, and individuals to protect, restore, and rightly share God's creation. We focus on climate, energy, clean water, toxics, and public lands issues. Creation Justice Ministries serves 38 member communions from Orthodox, peace church, historically Black churches, Baptists, and mainline Protestant traditions. Our member denominations consist of 140,000 churches with 40 million members.

Contextual Education Program Goals:

- Provide an opportunity for seminarians to engage in practical application of ecological and environmental theology.
- Develop the next generation of leaders at the intersection of the church, the environment, and public policy.
- Create cutting edge environmental resources for use in church and ministry settings.
- Explore peer learning opportunities with other seminarians.

Program Hallmarks:

- Biblical and ecological learning is tailored to the uniqueness of each student.
- One to one, confidential, mentor-mentee relationship.
- The length and content of each practicum experience varies to correspond with academic schedules and requirements.
- Mentoring staff are members of the CJM staff and Board of Directors.

Potential Continuing Education Practicum Projects:

- Organizing churches and ministries to engage in Creation Justice education and advocacy efforts.
- Researching environmental policy and organizing churches as advocates.
- Planning, organizing, leading, and speaking at events, including sermons at churches and conferences.
- Developing environmental-oriented resources for churches, such as Bible studies and liturgy.
- Interpreting academic work on eco-theology for the Creation Justice Ministries audience.
- Gaining expertise and experience in grassroots and grassroots organizing.
- Connecting churches with existing denominational environmental ministries to build the Creation Justice network.

Members, Partnerships, and Other Faith-Based Environmental Programs

In the United States, the movement among people of faith caring for God's creation is vibrant, vast, and growing. For more than 30 years, Creation Justice Ministries has ecumenically brought together dozens of Christian member communions/denominations to share in common mission to care for God's creation .

We also have many partners: state and local ecumenical and interfaith councils, denomination-sponsored relief and development agencies, grassroots-driven denominational groups, partners from different religious entities, as well as para-church and interfaith organizations. Below is a list of our members (national communion/denominational partners), as well as other faith-based partners we collaborate with frequently.

CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES MEMBERS, BY CHURCH FAMILY, WITH RELATED MINISTRY LINKS Mainline Protestant Denominations

- [**Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)**](#) / [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\) Green Chalice](#)
- [**Episcopal Church**](#) / [Office of Government Relations](#) / [Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation](#)
- [**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**](#) / [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Advocacy](#) / [Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)
- [**Presbyterian Church \(USA\)**](#) / [Environmental Ministry](#) / [Washington Office of Public Witness](#)
- [**Reformed Church in America**](#)
- [**United Church of Christ**](#) / [Justice and Witness Ministries](#)
- [**United Methodist**](#) / [General Board of Church and Society](#)

Historically Black Church Denominations

- [**African Methodist Episcopal**](#)
- [**African Methodist Episcopal Zion**](#)
- [**Christian Methodist Episcopal**](#)

Baptist Conventions, Alliances and Fellowships

- [**Alliance of Baptists**](#)
- [**American Baptist**](#) / [American Baptist Home Missions Society](#) / [American Baptist Creation Justice Network](#)
- [**National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.**](#)
- [**National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.**](#)

- [**Progressive National Baptist Convention**](#)

Peace Traditions

- [**Church of the Brethren**](#) / [Office of Peacebuilding and Policy](#) / [Creation Care Initiative](#)
- [**Mennonite Central Committee**](#)
- [**Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) / [Eco-Justice Working Group](#) / [Friends Committee on Unity with Nature](#)

Orthodox Communion - [The Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration](#)

- [**Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America**](#)
- [**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America**](#) / [Environment Teachings](#)
- [**Orthodox Church in America**](#)

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTNERSHIP ON THE ENVIRONMENT

- [National Religious Partnership for the Environment](#)
- [Catholic Climate Covenant](#) / [U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops](#)
- [Evangelical Environmental Network](#)
- [Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life](#)/ [Jewish Council for Public Affairs](#)
- [Creation Justice Ministries](#) / [National Council of Churches USA](#)

CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES' GLOBAL PARTNERS

- [World Council of Churches](#) / [Time for Creation](#) / [Ecumenical Water Network](#)
- [ACT Alliance](#)

OTHER DENOMINATIONAL OR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY-ROOTED PARTNERS

- [Columban Center for Advocacy](#)
- [Earth Sangha](#)
- [Eco Sikh](#)
- [Franciscan Action Network](#)
- [Green Muslims](#)
- [Maryknoll Missionaries](#)
- [Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance](#)
- [Sisters of the Good Shepherd](#)

- [Sisters of Mercy](#)
- [Unitarian Universalist Ministry for the Earth](#)

STATE AND LOCAL ECUMENICAL/INTER-RELIGIOUS PARTNERS

- **Arizona:** [Arizona Faith Network](#)
- **Delaware:** [Delaware Ecumenical Council for Children and Families](#)
- **Florida:** [Florida Council of Churches](#)
- **Georgia:** [Georgia Interfaith Power and Light](#)
- **Illinois:** [Faith in Place](#)
- **Kentucky:** [Kentucky Council of Churches](#)
- **Louisiana:** [Louisiana Interchurch Conference](#)
- **Maine:** [Maine Council of Churches](#)
- **Massachusetts:** [Massachusetts Council of Churches](#)
- **Michigan:** [Voices for Earth Justice](#)
- **Montana:** [Montana Association of Churches](#)
- **New Mexico:** [New Mexico Conference of Churches](#)
- **North Carolina:** [North Carolina Council of Churches](#)
- **Oregon:** [Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Environmental Ministries](#)
- **Rhode Island:** Rhode Island State Council of Churches
- **Texas:** [Texas Impact Environment Program](#)
- **Virginia:** [Virginia Council of Churches](#)
- **Washington:** [Faith Action Network](#) and [Earth Ministry](#)
- **Washington, DC:** [Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light](#)
- **West Virginia:** [West Virginia Council of Churches](#)
- **Wyoming:** [Wyoming Association of Churches](#)

INTERFAITH AND PARA-CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS CARING FOR CREATION

- [Blessed Tomorrow](#)
- [CreatureKind](#)
- [Earth Care](#)
- [Eco-Justice Ministries](#)
- [Eco-Palms](#)

- [Equal Exchange: Interfaith Coffee Program](#)
- [Forum on Religion and Ecology](#)
- [Green Faith: Interfaith Partners for the Environment](#)
- [Interfaith Power and Light](#) (The Regeneration Project)
- [Interfaith Oceans](#)
- [Interreligious Eco-Justice Network](#)
- [National Catholic Rural Life Conference](#)
- [New Community Project](#)
- [Presbyterians for Earth Care](#)
- [Religions for Peace - Faiths for Earth campaign](#)
- [Religious Witness for the Earth](#)
- [United Methodist Women](#)
- [Web of Creation](#)