

Bulletin Board... Revised July 12, 2020

A time- sensitive announcement.... August 5, 11am MDT, a webinar sponsored by Interfaith power and Light and the United Church of Christ: “The New Green Deal and Reparations.” This features a panel including:

- Congresswoman Barbara Lee, a leading champion of the Green New Deal and reparations
- Tamara Toles O’Laughlin, North America Director for 350.org
- Sekinah Hamlin, Economic Justice Minister for the United Church of Christ.

Register here: https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kzxMjKP0SQS7nZLPmnJ1Qw

The Season of Creation is fast approaching! Begin your planning now!

First order your copy -

Jubilee for the Earth – Season of Creation Guide

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ARDojjURVRIYzj8EHLx4tlo9eaDo-bfh/view>

Here are some dates you might add to your calendar as part of the Season of Creation. Find resources for worship, Christian education, and community action.

Dates:

- September 1 World Day of Prayer for Creation
- September 21 International Coastal Clean Up Day
- October 4 St. Francis Day

The Season of Creation Guide will have details on the following:

Liturgical Suggestions:

6 September, 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost –
Commandment,
Season of Creation 1

1st Reading: Ex 12:1-14
Psalm 149
2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-14
Gospel: Matt 18:15-20

The Greatest
Love your Neighbour

13 September, 2020 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Season of Creation 2	1st Reading: Ex 14:19–31 or Protecting the Commons Sirach 27:30-28:9 Psalm 114 2nd Reading: Rom 14:1–12 Gospel: Matt 18:21–35
20 September, 2020 16th Sunday after Pentecost – our Need, Season of Creation 3	1st Reading: Ex 16:2-15 or Isa 55:6-9 Psalm: 105:1-6, 37-45 2nd Reading: Phil 1:21-30 Gospel: Matt 20:1-16 There is Enough for not our Greed
27 September, 2020 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Season of Creation 4	1st Reading: Ex 17:1–7 or The Gift of Water Ezek 18:25-28 Psalm 78:1–4,12–16 2nd Reading: Phil 2:1–13 Gospel: Matt 21:23–32
4 October, 2020 The Feast of St. Francis	1st Reading: Psalm 148:7-14 Creation Spirituality Psalm 121 2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Suggested Observances:

Outdoor Prayer Service

Bible Study Isaiah 65: 17-25 “A New Earth”

Earth Examen

Sustainability Event

Be sure to check the extensive listing of additional resources listed in the **MNO Synod Eco-Theology/ Eco-Justice/ Eco-Reformation Resource Guide for the Care of Creation** found here -

<http://mnosynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Eco-Theology-Resources-April-2020.pdf>

Also available through the MNO Synod Eco-Reformation website: <http://mnosynod.org/eco-reformation-project/>

Washington Interfaith Power and Light – Earth Ministry Publishes Summer Newsletter

<https://earthministry.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Earth-Letter-Summer-2020.pdf?emci=223b3d38-23c2-ea11-9b05-00155d03bda0&emdi=e01fddef-3fc2-ea11-9b05-00155d03bda0&ceid=4218393>

Washington Interfaith Power and Light has released its Summer Earth Letter. It's worth a peek. Spend some time with particular articles like "Community as Sacred Interconnectedness," "Extending an Ethical Web from COVID-19 to the Climate Crisis", "Apocalypse and Community: Sustenance for the Climate Justice Fight", and "The Unexpected Efficacy of Love (When Dreams Fail).

Interfaith Power and Light is a network of faith-based organizations pledged to awareness and action around Covid-19, climate change and racism. Take a look at the national website. <https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>. You'll find a voter pledge that one might not think is important to Canadians this fall. But maybe there's another thought required. IFPL is very much involved with faith-based understanding, values and perspectives, good science, and political action at the community, regional and state levels. To that end, there are chapters in thirty states. I have flagged Washington as a chapter close to ourselves and a good source for resources. (Although we might just as easily partner with Oregon or Minnesota)

Interfaith relationships, with stories and resources, embrace Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Christianity.

COVID, Climate Change and Racism are inter-related. "Climate Justice is Racial justice."

Another valuable partnership is that of IPL with the United church of Christ. They have sponsored excellent hour-long webinars; one of which is promoted above: The Green New Deal and Reparations, August 5 at 11am MDT.