

## Welcome to the **DCIC GREEN TEAM** resource page



### - turning faith into action -

Many faiths teach that we have a moral responsibility for stewardship of the earth. In response to the urgent reality of global warming, faith leaders are increasingly taking actions that conserve and protect our environment. Please peruse the information below to identify actions that your congregation and individual members can take.

For more information, or if you have suggestions for information to add to this page, please reach out to our Green Team leader: Susan Karnes Hecht [president@vassartemple.org](mailto:president@vassartemple.org)

### Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Participate in Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week (4/16-25)

An annual program of climate-themed worship focusing for 2021 on

**"Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between our Faith, our Food, and the Climate"**

An examination of how our food systems contribute to injustice and climate change and how our faith traditions call us to respond with practical solutions.

[Access the Faith Climate Action Week toolkit here](#)

The kit includes: a guide with information on how the ways in which we grow our food can be part of the climate solution and bring about a more just community: faith-based discussion materials; suggested short films; a Garden Blessing ceremony; suggestions and resources for how to get engaged in supporting food justice and healthy soil; a Climate Change Fact Sheet and advocacy postcards addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture.

### Local action

#### Nexamp Community Solar



The DCIC has a partnership with Nexamp Community Solar which allows congregations to subscribe to a share of a local solar farm and receive credits on their utility bills for the energy produced by that share. Member congregations will receive a discount on electricity costs, and Nexamp will make a donation to the DCIC in proportion to the organization's allocation. There is no cost to join, no equipment installed, no long-term commitment, guaranteed savings, and no cancellation fee. Please bring this opportunity to the attention of

your clergy and board. Contact Yushi Kawasumi at Nexamp, (201) 314-3799 or [ykawasumi@nexamp.com](mailto:ykawasumi@nexamp.com).

## Pollinator Pathway

Your congregation's and members' property can support our endangered pollinators with native plants. Planting a pollinator garden is a wonderful activity for your families and religious school students. Learn more about the [Pollinator Pathway](#) and encourage your own municipality to join if it has not already done so. Put your property on the [Pathway map](#). For more information contact Susan Karnes Hecht [president@vassartemple.org](mailto:president@vassartemple.org)



## Faith-based organizations working on environmental action and climate justice advocacy

**Interfaith Power & Light:** a faith-based response to global warming.

[www.interfaithpowerandlight.org](http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org)

IPL's New York State affiliate maintains a [Green Teams page](#) where you can access a sustainability manual specifically written for houses of worship located in NYS.

**GreenFaith:** an interfaith organization that offers education on sustainability.

[www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org)

**National Religious Partnership for the Environment:** brings together independent groups.

[www.nrpe.org](http://www.nrpe.org)

**Shalom Center:** incorporates Jewish and interfaith values.

[www.theshalomcenter.org](http://www.theshalomcenter.org)

**Evangelical Environmental Network:** eco-activism; publishes Creation Care magazine.

[www.creationcare.org](http://www.creationcare.org)

**Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development:** an interfaith organization based in Jerusalem.

[www.interfaithsustain.com](http://www.interfaithsustain.com)

**EcoSikh:** connects Sikh values and beliefs to environmentalism.

[www.ecosikh.org](http://www.ecosikh.org)

**Dayenu:** a movement of American Jews confronting the climate crisis.

[www.dayenu.org](http://www.dayenu.org)

**Green Muslims:** a bridge between Muslim communities and environmental activism.

[www.greenmuslims.org](http://www.greenmuslims.org)

**A Rocha:** an international Christian environmental organization.

[www.arocha.org/en/](http://www.arocha.org/en/)

**Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL):** brings the Jewish community together; partners with other faith groups.

[www.coejl.org](http://www.coejl.org)

**US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Environmental Justice Program:** resources for Catholic dioceses to serve their communities through environmental activism.

[www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/environmental-justice-program](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/environmental-justice-program)

**Buddhist Peace Fellowship:** connects teachings with environmental activism and eco-justice.

[www.buddhistpeacefellowship.org](http://www.buddhistpeacefellowship.org)

**Creation Justice Ministries:** works with national faith groups from different Christian denominations on environmental justice policies.

[www.creationjustice.org](http://www.creationjustice.org)

Hazon: The Jewish Lab for Sustainability [www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org)