

# WEB SITES AND AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES

## Some Internet Eco-Faith Resource Links:

<http://www.greenchurchproject.org> The Green Church Project (GCP) is a ministry of the United Church of Canada in the Montreal area which aims to empower congregations and ministry sites in adopting environmentally aware practices in their community operations as well as promoting a healing relationship with the natural world. Has almost identical aims as does "Practical Hope". Great to see United Church stories from another area.

<http://www.ecocongregation.org> Eco-Congregation is a United Kingdom ecumenical programme helping churches make the link between environmental issues and Christian faith, and respond in practical action in the church, in the lives of individuals, and in the local and global community. Each country of Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales has their own sets of resources – and lots of them! For example, there are many church education eco-modules under each country.

<http://www.webofcreation.org> The Web of Creation is maintained by the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. It was established to: connect you with ideas, resources and strategies for doing eco-justice; inform, inspire, encourage, educate you about eco-justice; support you in your efforts to live, work and pray in ways that promote eco-justice.

This site has also been developed to provide information and connections for theology students interested in environmental ministry. We define **eco-justice** as any effort that promotes ecological integrity with social justice as a central focus of religious understanding. Lots of Resources!

<http://mennocreationcare.org/Home> This site offers a number of stories of Mennonite congregations actively involved in environmental concerns and also links with various resources for environmental action in different aspects of life.

<http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk> An enormous number of resources and links to various denominations environmental programs, resources, etc. A "Buy Less Live More" program for Lent, for example, gives daily readings, activities and prayers related to eco-theology and sustainable living – plus LOTS more!

<http://emergent-us.typepad.com/emergentus/files/EarthKeeping.pdf> A pdf document which lists many links to sites for earth keeping resources with Christian organizations, American and beyond. Lots of stuff.

[www.wiserearth.org](http://www.wiserearth.org) A website that lists communities of discussion and action. Extensive lists of organizations that have registered to be listed as part of a growing global network of people working for change. Multi-disciplinary, multi-faith, multi-everything! For example, under Religion, Ecology and Sustainability there are 155 organizations listed under subcategory "Religion and Ecology" and 1364 groups listed under "Sustainability, Religious and Spiritual Issues".

## Other suggestions:

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## AUDIO VISUAL RESOURCES FROM AVEL

To access AVEL (Audio-Visual Education Library) Contact Marilyn Burrell at:  
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[www.marconf.ca/avel/avelpage.htm](http://www.marconf.ca/avel/avelpage.htm)

### **Greening Sacred Spaces** DVD 20 minutes

There are thousands of religious buildings in Canada, each a valuable centre for individual and community spiritual interaction. These sacred spaces represent a hopeful frontier in our effort to address the growing ecological crisis before us all. Greening Sacred Spaces begins by developing a framework of faith-based environmental consciousness that seeks to understand the sacredness of the Earth and our role in renewing that sacred balance one church, gurdwara, mosque, synagogue, temple and individual at a time. Accompanying this DVD is a booklet entitled "Practical Guide to improving the Energy Efficiency of your Religious Building" published in 2007 by Faith & the Common Good.

**Simple Way (The), Part 4 - Environmental Simplicity** VHS 25 minutes This is a program illustrating the fact that people's everyday efforts to change can preserve what we have, rather than expanding and consuming indefinitely.

**Water: Sacred and Profaned** VHS or DVD 27 minutes Explore the sacred nature of this precious gift along with author Linda Hogan, Poet Laureate Robert Hass, authors Susan Zwinger and Colin Fletcher, scientist Jennifer Greene, and poet David Whyte. Peter Coyote narrates this beautiful program about the most abundant and fundamental part of nature. Music by David Foster.

### **The Living Land** VHS 27 minutes

Over many years, our methods of growing food have become ever more mechanized and complex. At the same time, we've lost millions of acres of good soil to pollution, erosion, and an ever-growing population. But there is a new awareness of the need to change our perceptions about how we grow our food and how we treat the land. Four individuals on the frontier of this effort John Jeavons, Wes Jackson, restaurateur Alice Waters, and organic farmer Mas Masumoto share their insights in this moving video narrated by Peter Coyote.. Closed captioned.

**Children and Nature** 27 minutes. Closed captioned Dr. Jane Goodall believes it is essential that parents and other mentors of children guide them to make meaningful connections with the natural world. In this video Dr. Goodall shares some of the ways this is happening. Joining her are world-renowned marine biologist Dr. Sylvia Earle; naturalist and children's guide Lee Cole; and Jeff Rutherford, director of the Marine Research Institute. Narrated by Peter Coyote, with music by Paul Lloyd Warner.

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