

Our intention is for the

**FAITH COMMUNITIES
ENVIRONMENTAL
NETWORK**

*to reach out to
groups representing
the full range of
spiritual traditions
found on the
Cape & Islands,
giving all of us
the opportunity
to work together –
each of us guided by
our respective faith
commitments –
to protect our Earth home.*



“Religions can no longer be dismissed as irrelevant in environmental discussions, nor can they be seen as ineffective. More than 90 percent of the world's people have an affiliation with a religious community, whether nominally or in practice.... Religions are the largest nongovernmental organizations in the world....

But it is not only for pragmatic or institutional reasons that religions are important players in environmental issues. **There is moral force and spiritual energy at the heart of these traditions, which can contribute to long-term solutions to our complex environmental problems.”**

*Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim,
Coordinators of the Forum on Religion &
Ecology at Yale*

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Affiliated with the

**CAPE COD
CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATIVE**



**A NEW INITIATIVE ON
THE CAPE AND ISLANDS**



**WORKING TOGETHER TO CONNECT
FAITH & ECOLOGY
AND
TO PROTECT OUR EARTH HOME**

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Offering Network Partners Opportunities

for exchanging information about best practices in addressing the causes and effects of climate change, through such means as:

- free energy audits of buildings
- heavily subsidized installing of LED lights and solar panels
- robust recycling programs (plastic, paper, metals, etc.)
- informative audio visuals (*A Plastic Ocean, Journey of the Universe*, etc.)
- effective denominational and interfaith projects (such as UU's Green Sanctuary, UCC's Green Congregation, GreenFaith, MA Interfaith Power & Light)
- Northwest Earth Institute's *Choices for Sustainable Living*
- effective worship and educational materials
- tackling systemic ecological issues with other 5Cs organizations



Network Partners will be invited to periodic events sponsored by individual faith communities and other organizations in the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative.

We will also offer opportunities for digging deeper through small-group study of such important recent texts as:

Jeff Goodell, *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World* (2017)

Elizabeth Kolbert, *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* (2014)

John Grim & Mary Evelyn Tucker, *Ecology & Religion* (2014)

Richard Bauckham, *The Bible and Ecology: Rediscovering the Community of Creation* (2010)

Elizabeth Johnson, *Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love* (2014)

Pope Francis, *Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality: On Care for our Common Home* (2015)

CURRENT NETWORK PARTNERS

(January 2018)

Unitarian Church of Barnstable (UU)
Federated Church of Orleans (UCC)
First Parish Brewster Unitarian
Universalist
Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah
UU Meeting House of Provincetown
South Congregational Church (UCC,
Centerville)

ALL faith communities are welcome!
No membership fees or dues.

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