

“ I watched this film with admiration and hope millions of others will have the chance to see it. You will be stirred to discover people of different faiths who are engaged in an exhilarating stewardship of the earth that offers our best chance to yet save creation.” Bill Moyers

Renewal

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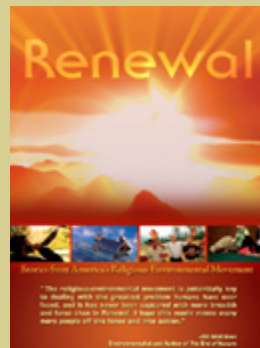


PURCHASING THE DVD

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www.renewalproject.net



“**Renewal** offers a comprehensive overview of what different religions are doing about the awesome devastation of Earth’s life systems now taking place. The filmmakers’ vision of the problem and understanding of viable solutions show rare depth of perception and are matched only by their sense of the urgency of action if we are to realize our hopes for the future.”

Thomas Berry

We were inspired to make RENEWAL by the countless Americans who are answering a spiritual call to confront the enormous challenges of environmental degradation. For many, faith has inspired action. Across the nation, grassroots environmental initiatives are making a difference and offering hope. Earth is being reclaimed as people's spiritual experience is deepened and revitalized.

When so many news headlines proclaim the ways that religions divide people, the heroes of our documentary truly celebrate the potential for multi-faith action to unify our communities and the world. The religious-environmental movement grows as people from diverse traditions come together and work to build a sustainable future. RENEWAL is their story.

- Marty Ostrow and Terry Kay Rockefeller, Producers

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

Should environmental stewardship be an integral part of the religious practice at your house of worship?

Do you have a personal story of experiencing God or the presence of the divine in the natural world?

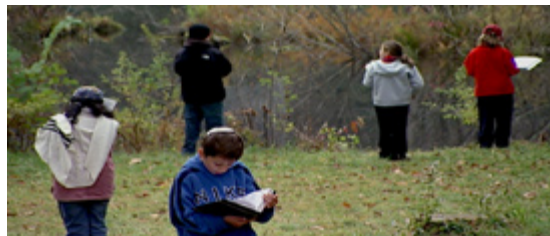
Is eco-justice an essential component of social justice?

What do you think about the ethics of waste and the spiritual value of recycling?

Many religious traditions have dietary practices or laws. How do you decide what it is moral or ethical to eat?

Should clergy and people of faith try to influence our elected leaders?

How can the work of individual religious-environmental activists be shaped into a national or global movement?



RESOURCES

Explore options to become part of the religious-environmental movement through these organizations:

The Forum on Religion and Ecology sponsors conferences and research about religion and the environment: <http://fore.research.yale.edu>

The National Religious Partnership for the Environment, an alliance of Jewish and Christian organizations: www.nrpe.org

The Eco-Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches: www.nccecojustice.org

The Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN): www.creationcare.org

COEJL, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life: www.coejl.org

The US Catholic Conference Environmental Justice Program: www.nccbuscc.org/sdwp/ejp

Christians for the Mountains summons faithful Christians to act responsibly on behalf of God's creation: www.christiansforthemountains.org

GreenFaith mobilizes people of all faiths to deepen their relationship with the sacred in nature and restore the environment for future generations: www.greenfaith.org

Faith in Place creates hopeful spaces for people of all faiths to care for creation: www.faithinplace.org

The Teva Learning Center provides environmental education for Jewish children: www.tevalearningcenter.org

The Adamah Jewish Environmental Fellowship provides leadership training for young adults: www.isabellafreedman.org/adamah

Green Sangha promotes engaged environmental activism from a Buddhist perspective: www.greensangha.org

Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) mobilizes religious communities to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation: www.theregenerationproject.org

Green Muslims in the District works to implement sustainable ways of living in Muslim communities: <http://dcgreenmuslims.blogspot.com>

The Green Seminary Initiative promotes theological education for a sustainable future on Seminary campuses: www.webofcreation.org/greenseminary

Visit www.renewalproject.net to see how the documentary RENEWAL is being used in communities across America.



ACTION STEPS

Form a Green Team in your congregation or community

Plan a worship service out-of-doors

Celebrate a religious holiday from your faith tradition in a new way that reflects a commitment to stewardship of the environment

Conduct a waste audit at your house of worship

Have an energy audit conducted of your congregation's building

Design and teach an environmental unit for your youth education program that reflects the values and teachings of your faith tradition

Become active concerning an eco-justice issue in your community

Get involved in a local interfaith action such as a river clean-up, water and air-quality monitoring, or community recycling project