



Greetings to you from Environmental Ministries

Environment is where we live

and where our neighbor lives.

Environmental Ministries integrates the UCC's historical environmental justice work with eco-justice concerns and provides resources that reflect the history and current policies of the United Church of Christ and Justice and Witness Ministries in environmental matters.

It is our hope that these resources will both inform and inspire you to do justice for all of God's creation.

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Visit our new website:

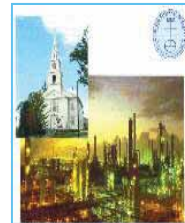
[http:// www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries](http://www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries)

It will provide you with resources and information concerning environmental advocacy, theology, worship, stories of how congregations have greened their churches, how environmental injustice and our lack of concern has affected the lives of the most vulnerable among us, bible studies and issues updates. We invite your input.



Toxic Wastes and Race at Twenty 1987-2007: A Report Prepared for the United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries is a follow-up study to "Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States," a report published in 1987 by the former UCC Commission for Racial Justice. The 1987 landmark national study jump started the environmental justice movement. Like the 1987 report, *Toxic Wastes and Race at Twenty*, finds a clear racial pattern between hazardous waste sites locations and the government's response to contamination emergencies for racial minorities and the poor. Cost is free plus S&H. Order the complete set through UCCR at 800-537-3394, Code CRJTW or download at <http://www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries/environment/toxic-waste-20.html>

There are two reports prepared by the UCC Environment and Energy Task Force (EETF).

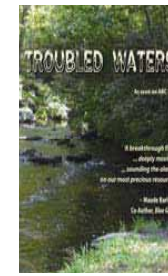


The first report, *Report to the 26th General Synod of the United Church of Christ Environmental and Energy Task Force*, addresses the next fifty years of sustaining our faith and promoting peace and justice while using resources wisely to care for creation.

The second report, *The United Church of Christ: Toward a National Environmental Focus Report to the General Synod XXVI in Hartford, Connecticut 2007*, addresses two resolutions drafted by the General Synod XXV in Atlanta, Georgia 2005. The intention of the resolutions is for the UCC, via the EETF, to "promote and support active and ongoing ministries for the education and mobilization of the faithful for environmental protection, eco-justice and sustainable development."



"**Troubled Waters**" a DVD hosted by Lynn Redgrave and premiered on ABC-TV in 2006.



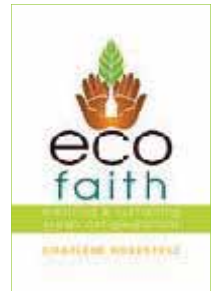
This hour long UCC documentary explores the critical issues of water shortage and privatization through the lens of faith and from the perspective of people in Bolivia, Malawi, the Middle East, and the United States, who struggle daily to find access to clean safe water.

The DVD may be purchased for \$20 (plus shipping and handling) from the United Church of Christ Resources by either phone at 800-537-3394 or online at www.UnitedChurchPress.com

ECO-FAITH

Creating and Sustaining Green Congregations

By Charlene Hosenfeld



This book is a user-friendly guide for pastors, church leaders, congregations, and individuals to facilitate understanding of environmental issues as they relate to caring for the whole of God's creation. Each chapter contains an introduction as well as extensive lists of facts, actions, and resources. There are also inspiring stories from worship communities around the country that have made the decision to go green. Additionally, the book integrates current ecological research, religious thought, and a psychological perspective because, as the author asserts, environmentalists, psychologists, and people of faith are natural allies. To order, call 800-537-3394 or visit www.uccresources.com

Daniel F. Romero Center for Border Ministries



The UCC in a covenantal agreement between the Southern California Nevada Conference and Justice and Witness Ministries celebrated the opening of **Centro Romero** in December 2007. Centro Romero is focused on borderland education and social transformation, offering immersion experiences, lectures, workshops and conferences at its sites in San Ysidro, California and Tijuana, Mexico.

Programs are offered to congregations, seminaries, universities, schools and custom groups. Programs emphasize:

- U.S. immigration policy
- U.S. - Mexico relations
- labor conditions and workers rights
- human rights
- environmental racism, environmental justice and environmental degradation of the border
- public health issues, male and female health issues, pediatric health issues
- free trade
- poverty; economic justice, international politics
- racism
- border theology and spirituality.

To learn more about Centro Romero, please visit its website at <http://www.theromero.org> or contact:

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