About Us

What We Do

The Web of Creation was established to foster the movement for personal and social transformation to a just and sustainable world from religious perspectives. To that end, the information at this site will:

- 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

The Web of Creation has also been developed to provide information and connections for theology students interested in environmental ministry.

Our Philosophy

We define eco-justice as any effort that promotes ecological integrity with social justice as a central focus of religious understanding. The Web of Creation subscribes to basic norms of eco-justice ethics including

- community life that is celebrative, cares for all creation, and uses appropriate technology
- sufficiency of production-consumption as an alternative to materialism
- fair participation in social policy decision- participatory democracy
- private and public choices that allow the Earth to be ecologically sustainable

Who We Are

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