

“UNITED BY THE BELIEF...”

Did you know most religious groups have made a specific resolution to address and improve humanity's relationship with the Earth? A few examples of such declarations:

- “ All creation is the Lord’s, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it.” | *United Methodist Church, 2008*
- “ By putting God at the center of life, we see the sacred in everything and the natural world becomes a source of wonder and not only a resource for our use and abuse.” | *Rabbi Lawrence Troster, 2010*
- “ Love of God, love of neighbor and Scripture’s stewardship demands provide enough reason for Southern Baptists and Christians everywhere to respond to these problems with moral passion and concrete action.” | *Southern Baptist Declaration, 2011*
- “ The environment must be seen as God’s gift to all people, and the use we make of it entails a shared responsibility for all humanity, especially the poor and future generations.” | *Pope Benedict XVI, 2010*
- “ We are not masters of this Earth; it does not belong to us to do what we wish. It belongs to Allah and He has entrusted us with its safekeeping.” | *Dr. Abdullah Omar Naseef, Muslim World League, 1986*

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Events Every month G.I.N.I. hosts regional leaders to speak on the intersection of faith and environment. Throughout the year G.I.N.I. represents a spiritual voice at environmental events; G.I.N.I. also plans and executes regional networking events and workshops.

Online The interactive G.I.N.I. website is an online community that offers discussion and resources on environmental stewardship, eco-justice, and spirituality.

Joining Everything G.I.N.I. does is sustained by volunteer members and membership donations. Consider joining G.I.N.I. and becoming part of the conversation.

Visit <http://greeninterfaith.org>
to see how you can
join the conversation.



At G.I.N.I.'s monthly meetings a different community leader is invited to speak. The meeting above addressed the role of farmers markets in creating sustainable communities. Meetings are hosted by different faith communities; see our website for information on upcoming meetings and events.



G.I.N.I.: Faith communities promoting environmental stewardship in the Southern Appalachians



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OUR MISSION

United by a belief that the **Earth is sacred**, Green Interfaith Network, Inc., 501(c)(3), works to promote practices which **protect and enhance our relationship to all Earth's life forms and natural systems** by engaging faith communities and the people of **Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia** to support sustainability, accountability, and justice. G.I.N.I.'s goals are:

To Provide workshops, energy audits, and educational materials for the faith groups of our region.

To Create opportunities for faith groups and individuals to network through events and through our social networking website.

To Advocate for policies that are just and sustainable at all levels of decision-making.

To Represent faith-inspired stewardship at regional environmental events.

To Grow participation in G.I.N.I., engaging more faith groups, individuals, civic organizations, and businesses.



With regional events like the Annual G.I.N.I. Awards (above), presented to congregations for their environmental leadership, and workshops for religious leaders (below), G.I.N.I. celebrates the successes of faith communities and creates forums for discussion about the challenges and opportunities of taking action on green issues.



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TAKING ACTION

G.I.N.I. wants to help you, your family, and your faith community respond to the call for action. Contact us, or join us in person, to learn more about:

- >> *Energy audits for places of worship; save energy and redirect financial resources.*
- >> *Workshops on how to start or strengthen a Green Team at your place of worship.*
- >> *Opportunities to network with other regional faith groups. G.I.N.I. desires to provide a forum to enhance interfaith discussion about sustainability and eco-justice.*
- >> *Resources for sermons, prayer and reflection, and educational materials for youth and adults.*

G.I.N.I. members in action: "if not me, who? If not now, when?"

