

Wider Ministries decided to focus our second quarter giving on organizations that were linked to environmental causes. From the congregation's generous giving, we were able to donate \$400 to each of the following organizations:

UCC Disaster Relief - Covid Relief Appeal:

The UCC Covid Relief appeal is focusing on assisting poorer countries and communities as they struggle to deal with lack of hospital space, protective equipment, and limited vaccine access, as well as the resulting lockdowns and loss of employment, and food insecurity. Currently, the appeal is focusing on assisting in India, Nepal and the surrounding region by providing food, personal protective equipment, hygiene kits.

Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice:

Based in Jurupa Valley, with a focus on Environmental Health and Justice, the CCAEJ aims to improve the social and natural environment by empowering communities to become involved in problem solving, direct action, and community cohesion to improve their surrounding environment. They do so by engaging with and building a base of diverse people from around the Inland Empire. Just recently they have been involved in highlighting the Environmental health issues impacting immigrant detainees at the GEO for-profit Adelanto Detention Center, as well as those living in the local area.

Inland Empire Waterkeeper:

The IE Waterkeeper project focuses on the Santa Ana watershed, they work towards protecting and enhancing the waterways and achieving a sustainable watershed, free of pollution. They do so through advocacy, education, research, restoration and enforcement. They hope that in educating and mobilizing people to enjoy their local waterways for recreation they will also develop a stewardship and passion to protect them.

Food and Water Watch:

Addressing the most pressing issues in the food, water, and climate crisis of our time, Food and Water Watch mobilizes normal people at the local, state and federal level to take on environmental fights in the USA, such as banning fracking, shutting down factory farms, ensuring access to clean water and ending fossil fuel use.

I hope you have enjoyed learning a little about each of these organizations, if you have any questions or comments, or suggestions for future organizations you would like us to support, please don't hesitate to contact me at jules@redlandsucc.org. Thanks again for your wonderful generosity and kindness for our wider community.