



Foothills Presbytery Area Highlights:

Earth Care Pledge

Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation.

Our **education** will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation.

Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all creation.

Our **outreach** will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.

Join in on being an Earth Care Congregation such as Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville and North Anderson Community Church Presbyterian in Anderson, other churches in South Carolina and across the nation!

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/>

The Earth Care Congregations listing and map that can be found online at www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations and you can see the updated Google Map now at:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1T_p-FLQfHd7_haVQb4SPb5RvloXkm_bz&usp=sharing.

Greetings Earth Care Congregations!

I hope this note finds you all well. I've spent the last two weeks at Massanetta Springs in Virginia doing Creation Care Workshops for their Middle School Conferences. I'll be here for three more weeks and have gotten the joy of meeting folks from at least 8 of your congregations. This generation of young people get the importance of caring for creation and know that their voice and choices matter. If you aren't already, I would strongly encourage you to talk to the Middle and High Schoolers in your congregation about Earth Care and ask them to be part of your Earth Care teams. It's been such encouragement to the soul!

Also this past week, the Environmental Justice Committee of the 225 General Assembly met. You can see all of the actions taken by the committee online here: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/committee/3000086/actionssummary> and I wanted to share a few articles with you so you can see what the committee is choosing to send to the plenary floor in July.

As many of you know, there were several pieces of business that shared the common theme of divestment this year. At previous General Assemblies, overtures calling for full divestment have essentially competed against MRTI's approach of corporate engagement. This year, Fossil Free PCUSA, which favors divestment, and MRTI sounded the message early that the assembly could choose to do both – to pass MRTI's recommendations (ENV-10) and the divestment overture (ENV-07). I shared with you earlier this month that MRTI and Fossil Free PCUSA issued a joint letter stating that both groups agree that “the gravity of the crisis requires an urgent and robust response,” and saying “this year we have aligned on what action should be taken at the 225th General Assembly.”

The EJ Committee voted Thursday in favor of ENV-10, that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) divest from five fossil fuel companies. During that day's presentations Rob Fohr, Director of Faith-Based Investing and Corporate Engagement for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) /MRTI shared with the committee that ENV-07 “On Fossil Fuel Divestment” with its 29 concurring presbyteries, is more “aspirational” in terms of the language that's used in ENV-10 and therefore could co-exist with ENV-10. You can read more about that session here: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/6/23/ga-committee-approves-mrtis-fossil-fuel-divestment/?fbclid=IwAR39Qu-4Quy9t8YggEl6guNawykuR2AA2FCIWbdu2OvDXkUm1K-kf9LljeI>

Also on Thursday the Committee Approved ENV-04, ENV-05, ENV-11, which relate to the creation of a carbon offset fund, decreasing the church's carbon footprint and affirming the diversity of creation.

On Friday, the committee heard from ACSWP (Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy) regarding ENV-02 "Investing in a Green Future: A Vision for a Renewed Creation" which passed with amendments particularly to recommendation 8 concerning the churches stance on fracking and pipeline construction. You can see the revised text with their amendments here: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/committee/3000086/actionssummary>. We can connect you with folks from ACSWP if you have questions regarding the report. [Presbyterians for Earth Care \(presbyearthcare@gmail.com\)](mailto:presbyearthcare@gmail.com) also welcomes discussion with folks interested in the differences in original language versus the proposed amendment.

On Saturday, the EJ Committee concluded its business after creating a revised version of ENV-09, choosing to use that as an answer to the remaining overtures, Env-01, ENV-06, ENV-07, ENV-08, approving ENV-07 as an accompaniment to ENV-10 . You can read more about that day here: https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/6/25/environmental-justice-committee-again-backs-select/?fbclid=IwAR26qn_mNH5MjvhTSuzmMn5wUNNDg9RxUg_l6AdrBp7N5blxSh3eJHY-z_o. Fossil Free PCUSA's rev. abby mohaupt welcomes those of you interested in further discussion on consideration of ENV-07 to connect with her at awmohaupt@gmail.com or [Facebook](#).

The Presbyterian Outlook also offered coverage of the EJ Committee's work. You can see those articles here:

<https://pres-outlook.org/2022/06/environmental-justice-committee-approves-recommendation-on-divestment-from-five-energy-companies-carbon-offsets/>

<https://pres-outlook.org/2022/06/assemblys-environmental-justice-committee-considers-potential-responses-to-climate-change-both-strategic-and-aspirational/>

For those of you who aren't familiar with the General Assembly process, even though these recommendations are the ones the EJ Committee has made to send forward to the floor, any commissioner at General Assembly can ask questions or propose new language so these actions aren't final until that vote occurs in July.

Peace,

Jessica Maudlin (She/Her/Hers), Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns, Presbyterian Hunger Program

National Council of Churches of Christ - Eco-Justice Program Office

<http://www.creationjustice.org/>



JUSTICE FOR GOD'S PLANET
AND GOD'S PEOPLE

Join Our July Faithful Resilience Worship!

Date: Thursday, July 21
Time: 6:00pm Eastern Time

[Register Here](#)

Join Dr. Dawn Baldwin Gibson and Dr. Christy Miller Hased in an engaged, virtual conversation on the role faith communities play in building community climate resilience. The conversation will center on how faith communities can effectively collaborate with other local, regional, or national organizations to increase the impact of their work.

Come gather ideas on how your faith community can work with others to build resilience!

[Click here to register for the workshop](#)

Presenters:

Dr. Christy Miller Hased, an environmental anthropologist and conservation biologist at the North Central Climate Adaptation Science Center whose work focuses on climate change adaptation and environmental justice.

Dr. Dawn Baldwin Gibson, Executive Pastor of Peletah Ministries and the superintendent at Peletah Academic Center for Excellence in New Bern, North Carolina with extensive experience working in disaster preparedness and recovery.

Facilitated by Langston Alexander, Summer Fellow at Creation Justice Ministries



Another opportunity!
TOMORROW, July 21st
7:00 pm Eastern/ 4:00 pm Pacific
GA, Creation Care & You

Join us for a zoom chat about the actions by our national governing body with several people along with a time for questions of answers. The selective divestment from fossil fuels action got lots of attention, but there were many other actions worth our consideration and responding to personally, in your church and presbyteries.

Workshop Presenters:

- 1). **The Rev. Susan Smith**, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) Co-Chair and co-author of *Investing in a Green Future*.
- 2). **The Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo**, GA commissioner, Co-Chair of Presbyterian Hunger Program Advisory Committee and GreenFaith staff.
- 3) **The Rev. Jed Koball**, Mission Advisory Delegate to GA, creator of Presbyterian Tree Fund overture and mission worker in Peru
- 4). **The Rev. Bruce Gillette**, Presbytery advocate for two GA overtures and PEC Moderator
- 5). **You!** We welcome your comments and questions.

The PCUSA General Assembly sets priorities for the church including at this GA adopting Climate Crisis as one of its six major emphasis for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, "The [PMA's work addressing the climate crisis in 2023–2024](#) will align with the goals of the Paris Agreement to limit global average temperature to an increase of no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius from preindustrial levels through education, advocacy, training, and partnerships, primarily through critical intersections with building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eliminating systemic poverty."

Please register for the workshop to receive the link:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER for JULY 21](#)

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC)

<https://presbyearthcare.org/>



Building Resilience Workshop

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

7:00 p.m. Eastern (4:00 p.m. Pacific)

Our world is facing an unprecedented climate emergency that causes irreversible damaging effects on life as we know it. We are in a decade during which action must be taken. The burden is on our young people and other climate activists who are taking action alongside them in record numbers. Faced with this existential crisis of climate chaos and instability...

Are you feeling Burnout: drained emotionally, physically, mentally, socially, even spiritually by the demand for action and leadership?

Join us in Building Resilience: Empowering Tools for Reducing Burnout, Stress and Trauma as Close as Your Own Hands

Online Workshop – Tuesday July 26th 4pm Pacific, 7pm Eastern

Presenter: *Rev. Judy Slater*

Using a popular education approach, you will have in your own hands, body-based skills you can use any time or place to release stress, manage emotions and live with balance in the midst of the challenges of life. You will tap into your own inherent instinct of wisdom of the human capacity to return to balance and wholeness.

[Click Here for JULY 26 Workshop Info & Registration](#)



<https://www.climaterealityproject.org/chapters>

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER July 2022

As we continue our summer of climate activism, we want to take a moment to uplift some of your incredible work over the last month. This month's newsletter is packed with opportunities for action, inspiration wins from your fellow chapter members, and ways to get involved in upcoming events we have on the horizon.

Have something you'd like to see included in next month's chapter newsletter? Let us know – reach out to chapters@climatereality.com.

INCONVENIENT YOUTH AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PRESENT **Preparing for the Greatest Challenge of our Lifetime: Green Jobs in Disaster Management and Mitigation**

Are you interested in a career in sustainability? Join The Climate Reality Project's Inconvenient Youth and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on Thursday, **July 28 at 1 PM ET** to learn about FEMA Corps. Participants in this program partake in training in emergency management and mitigation followed by a year of work in disaster management on local, state, and federal levels. This webinar will share what it's like to participate in the program and how you can apply. This is a great way to enter the sustainability field with or without a college degree. We hope to see you there!

Please note this program is specifically tailored for people between the ages of 18-26. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please forward the invitation! If you want to attend on their behalf, all are welcome.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Frontera de Cristo

Dear friends,

"We can feel the love here." "Our students have been amazed at how Frontera de Cristo partners with so many different organizations."

Carole and Christian, teachers from St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco, shared these encouraging words as they departed yesterday after sharing a bit of life and ministry with us.

In the midst of the challenges of life and ministry on the border, we celebrate the love of God that we not only feel but that has formed us into a community across human- created borders.

We are grateful that you are part of this community that seeks to live out God's good news in midst of the bad news of this world. Whether in lament or in celebration we belong to God and we belong to one another.

Peace,
Mark & Joca

Coffee Shop Celebrates 6 Years

What do you get when you cross a coffee coop addressing root causes of migration, **a drug rehab center** providing opportunities for new life for persons gripped by addiction, **and a binational ministry** cultivating relationships and understanding across borders and responding in faith to the realities of immigration and the drug culture?

Well, a coffee shop, of course!

On June 4, we celebrated the [6th anniversary of Café Justo y Mas](#) with dance, both folklore and modern, incredible music from the youth of the community, a bouncing castle for the kids, tamales, and of course delicious coffee. We celebrated because—

[Continue reading about the celebration](#)

Children's Enrichment Ministry Expands

We are thrilled to have officially opened the third neighborhood site for our Children's Enrichment Ministry. The newest site is located on the grounds of Iglesia Presbiteriana Lirio de los Valles (Lily of the Valley Presbyterian Church), right across the street from our coffee shop, Café Justo y Mas.

Throughout the five years of the children's enrichment ministry, we have experienced how the interest in learning grows in children who are at risk of dropping out of school. This motivates us as a team to open new educational spaces working together with our partners in different parts of the city.

[Continue reading about the expansion](#)

[See all the photos from the celebration](#)

Entering the Season of Death at the Border

from [The Border Chronicle](#) by Todd Miller

At first it was a bit startling to see a man stumble onto the road in front of me. I was just south of Tombstone on Highway 80 in southern Arizona, cruising at about 60 miles an hour toward the border at Douglas. When the man appeared, I was listening to a podcast and staring out into the landscape, a beautiful stretch of rural road parallel to the San Pedro River valley, with views on all sides of the Dragoon, Huachuca, and Mule mountain ranges. The man looked injured and so disoriented that I thought he was going to limp right into the road. Then he stopped and looked at me, driving toward him. He held up an empty plastic bottle. He wore a ripped white T-shirt, and his face had that raw look of a person who's been walking in the sun for days. It was mid-morning but already hot, forecast to be the hottest day of the year thus far, triple digits in nearby Tucson. He stared right at me and raised the bottle again. He had no water left. But I didn't stop because there was a white van on my tail and the shoulder seemed narrow. "What am I doing?" I thought, and pulled over, van be damned.

Jubilee House Community – Center for Development in Central America <https://jhc-cdca.org/>



Jubilee House Community, Inc.

North Anderson Community Church Presbyterian (NACCP, 4200 Liberty Highway, Anderson 29621) is a current supporter and has been since Sarah, a former member, helped to establish these efforts. We welcome other churches and individuals to participate in this ministry. Let us know.

Tell It Like It Is

This newsletter is *only* coming out in e-newsletter form as we try to save [funds](#) to buy medicines, pay staff and bills, etc. Please share with "paper folk" who might be missing it. Thanks, Sarah

July 2022

Nicaragua has been having lots of rain so far this season. We got lots of rain in June. More than 20 people have died in mudslides and flooding. As I write this (June 30th) the Caribbean coast is getting ready for its first named storm of the season, [Bonnie](#). The army and navy have been dispatched to provide emergency services to those vulnerable, such as erecting over 700 shelters, mobilizing electrical and water support as well as medical assistance. They have also evacuated people from islands, cays, and other at-risk areas. This year is supposed to be a fierce season of storms and hurricanes.

With the rains, [COPROEXNIC](#), the organic agriculture cooperative, was looking forward to a good [sesame](#) crop, but they lost their one million dollar credit line with Shared Interest and thus didn't have enough capital to plant as many fields of organic sesame as they wanted.

The reason Shared Interest gave for canceling the credit was that COPROEXNIC didn't follow through with Shared Interest's suggestions; but their first suggestion was to renegotiate a new contract with Once Again Nut Butter, which was accomplished with the Shared Interest people present in the same virtual meeting.

The second suggestion was that the farmers take a lower price for their crops and the response from the co-op was that a lower price was not a good way to help poor farmers, particularly when they had more demand for their product than they could fulfill.

The third suggestion was that the farmers did not seem invested in helping the co-op, but it is the farmers waiting on payment for their crops that is keeping the co-op afloat.

Right now the buyers are talking with each other to see how to keep COPROEXNIC operating and continuing to help farmers.

FARMER SHARES, a business which we are now operating, created to sell El Porvenir cooperative's organic coffee, is selling coffee roasted at and shipped from Little River Roasting in South Carolina. Of course our desire is to sell more coffee. If you would like to support El Porvenir and try the delicious coffee, use the code **ZIDDEC6** for 20% off your next order from <https://www.farmershares.com/>.

Buying this organic, shade-grown coffee will ensure that we can continue to buy their coffee in the future. This guarantees income for the 56 families of the co-op who live on top of a remote mountain. Proceeds from

Farmer Shares helps us maintain a revolving loan fund and provide limited medical care for the co-op.

Our dentist and doctor were going to go up in June to see patients, but with the extensive rains, the roads to their cooperative are impassable right now. In order to reschedule, the co-op will inform us when a vehicle can pass.

The Nueva Vida Clinic continues to serve the people of the Nueva Vida barrio in Ciudad Sandino (city of 180,000) and the surrounding rural areas.

Our [dental clinic](#) is the only low-cost dental care in the whole area. We are trying to work more closely with the Ministry of Health to [fill in gaps](#) as well as continue to be a family clinic with a pediatrician, general practitioners, and a psychologist.

Many families depend on our clinic for [medicines](#) for their elderly, asthma treatments for their kids, family planning, etc. The whole family is cared for.

We hosted two Hikma Health representatives who came to see how their digital service was working (or not) and to do research. After seeing with their own eyes the variety of services we offer and the volume of patients we attend, they have recommended another digital system to us. We have applied for an initial 12-month pro bono account, and are waiting to hear back, as we [need to move forward](#).

The [solar panels](#) are working well even with days of rain. The newest additions will work better after some trees are trimmed, but so far we are saving 1/3 to 1/2 of the monthly electric bill... we have saved 1.08 tons of carbon output or the equivalent of planting 12 trees in just 5 months! Thank you one and all who contributed to these projects.

The [Lobas](#) and [Leones](#) Groups for at-risk youth are going really well. Claudia teaches make-up applications using moms and friends of the girls as their models. She says the girls are really talented. The boys are learning bicycle repair with parts bought... often they are happily covered with grease after a session.

[CASA BEN LINDER](#), the solidarity/hospitality house, hosted the *Light and Legacy Brigade* in May. The group held a commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the assassination of Ben Linder, Sergio Hernandez, and Pablo Rosales by the US-backed Contras in 1987 when they were building a hydro-electric system for San Juan de Bocay. The brigade also went to El Cuá to see the finished working hydro system and into San Jose de Bocay to remember with the community the lives and work of those three.

August 6 -15th, CBL, together with the Alliance for Global Justice, will be hosting another delegation - *Women in Nicaragua: Power and Protagonism*. There is still room on this delegation for you! Come learn how Nicaragua has reduced the gender gap by 80% in just 15 years. Meet women politicians, union leaders, and visit women's co-ops. [More information and applications available.](#)

In October we will be hosting a medical delegation from Alaska and a delegation exploring the untold story of Nicaragua and the events of 2018. In early 2023 we will be hosting church groups and others. If you are interested in joining one of these [delegations](#) or bringing your own group, [please write us.](#)

Nicaragua reports that 96% of its population has received at least one [COVID vaccination](#). Now anyone can travel to Nicaragua with a [vaccination card](#) or a negative COVID test. So c'mon down, y'all!

During travel restrictions and COVID, fundraising has and continues to be a challenge. We continue our [ZOOM presentations](#) and would love to talk with any of you about the work. [Just write to us please.](#)

The JHC organization is in good standing with the Nicaraguan government. Many of you may have been reading about the "slashing of NGOs by the 'dictatorship'," but the reality is that the government is just providing more oversight than it has in previous years. Nicaragua, like other countries, must adhere to international regulations that address the risks posed by unregulated nonprofits. These include widespread international concern that nonprofits are susceptible to money-laundering.

[For the first time ever, Nicaragua has been praised by the Financial Action Task Force \(FATF\), set up in 1989 by the G7 governments, for "largely complying" with its requirements.](#)

Hiring an accountant has been an immeasurable help in getting us in compliance with previously existing laws and also new regulations.

We continue to be in good standing with North Carolina as a [licensed charity](#) and with the U. S. government as a [501\(c\)\(3\) organization](#). Our annual 990 form is publicly [available](#).

We said "goodbye" to Rogelio as he retired. (In quotes because not two full weeks went by before we called him to do a consulting job for us!)

Rogelio has been with us for 25 years. He has drawn plans for schools, homes, the buildings for the cotton gin, spinning plant, and the sewing co-op, as well as health clinics including our own Nueva Vida Clinic. Not only did he draw the plans but also oversaw and built them all.

He worked closely with volunteers and Sarah to ensure that everyone's help was used and the work stayed true.

He has driven brigades in the infamous yellow bus, fixed plumbing, done electrical work, masonry, carpentry...the man could do just about anything and would. The water pump stopped working on Sunday and he dropped everything to juggernaut it together.

Probably one of the hardest things he ever did for us was to lift Kathy and Pat's mother's body out of the car in which she had died to bring her into the house. Rogelio has dealt with so much death in his life, he tended to avoid it, but for us he faced his issues and gently cradled her body to move it.

This work would not have happened in the way it did without him. No way. We will miss him.

Counting Rogelio, we have lost one part-time and five full-time staff members in the course of a month due to retirement, resignation, and/or termination of their contracts with the CDCA. This is taking a major redirection of energies and money. Under Nicaraguan labor law, the CDCA is required to pay one month's salary for each year an employee has worked for us - up to five years - in severance pay. This has cost the CDCA over \$19,000 that we had not expected to have to pay at once, and has left the CDCA in a [*huge financial bind*](#).

Kathleen officially retired as Clinic Director due to health, CRS (Can't Remember Sh*t), and just plain weariness. There was no severance pay for her retirement. In fact, all of our non-Nicaraguan staff have opted to not receive our stipends in months trying to keep the CDCA afloat.

Becca is serving as interim director for the clinic. Paul is taking over maintenance. Daniel is doing some bookkeeping but mostly learning the COPROEXNIC business as Mike tries to bow out. Claudia is our Human Resource person and is keeping busy with all the changes in staffing. Sarah still stays on top of so many things in many different areas. Kathy is starting to do less accounting as we switch to our Nicaraguan accountant, Carlos. And Kathleen continues to write and do odds and ends.

We currently have moved our base of operations to the clinic while we figure out all the needs, the ins and outs, and how to be as creative as possible with the staffing we have left. It is a massive adjustment for all of us and the remaining staff, We will keep you posted as the dust settles.

The [aquaponics](#) project is going well with 18 established systems and 10 more to be installed soon. Diana, our point person, is working with systems at two schools, as well as adding tower systems for yards that are too small to handle the regular system. She works with the communities, the Ministry of Education, and now with a municipal system growing tilapia in a pond. This pond is being converted to an aquaponics system large enough to clean the dirty pond water and grow vegetables for people in need. What great news!

JHCommunity: Becca and her family enjoyed a visit from her sister, Naomi. Naomi is the first family outside of Nicaragua they have seen since 2019. It was a special time.

The Murdock/Woodards are looking forward to hosting three of their four adult children that live in the USA with their families in July in Nicaragua. None have been back since 2019.

Becca, Eibhlín, and Orla are working on their black belts in karate; their exam will be in December. Samantha is getting ready to attend a new preschool. Daniel is taking voice lessons.

REFLECTION:

As I write this, the United States' Supreme Court has handed down some historical rulings:

1. The reversal of Roe vs. Wade.
2. [The reversal of a New York gun law restricting gun toting outside the home but instead giving Americans the right to carry guns in public.](#) This after so many mass shootings.

3. [The reversal of being able to address the failure of law enforcement in informing a person arrested of their Miranda rights.](#)
4. [Cutting the EPA's authority to limit power plants' emissions](#) in an age of Climate Crisis or Crises.

The social media, the press, and law makers are either cheering or furious. Bet you missed the third and fourth ones, I did.

Our fear levels rise as we are constantly bombarded by the realities of inflation, the war in Ukraine and will this war spread worldwide, mass shootings, and the list goes on.

On June 28th, a semi-truck smuggling immigrants mostly from Mexico and Guatemala was found with over 50 people dead from heat exposure and dehydration...sprinkled with steak sauce to throw law enforcement off of the odor of dead bodies. Wonder how long that will be in the news?

Humans have been pitiful creatures of evil from the time they evolved and/or were created. They have also been creatures of immense love and caring. But very few humans work together to bend the long moral arc of the universe towards justice...and the wealthy who control the lawmakers, the media, and law enforcers know this, and they know how to manipulate us.

Who has the energy and will to fight for equal health care for all, when so many have to fight for reproductive rights? Who has the energy to fight for good education for all children, when [anyone can carry guns that kill our babies](#)? Who has the energy to make sure that every person knows their rights under the law? Who has the energy to work for a world without borders when empires invade, tear down legitimate governments, and keep small nations impoverished? Who has the energy to fight for the environment?

The wealthy throughout history have learned to keep the poor fighting among themselves...they foster race against race, keeping women below men, immigrants vs citizens (though most of us were immigrants), evangelicals vs. Muslims, and on it goes...because WHO has the energy to look beyond the bombardment of messages to see that it is the wealthy tearing the world apart?

The wealthy keep us so bogged down in day-to-day survival that they can keep polluting to make billions while our earthly habitat dies.

They give us emergencies and heartaches so we don't move forward but backward. We are such easy targets. We get scared. We get mad...we rant and rave...our adrenaline spikes...and then we are too exhausted to make true changes.

If we want change, then we have to be like the tortoise...steady...always progressing...gathering more and more together...avoiding the temptation to run blindly into a pit of depression...and maybe, just maybe, carrying a rocket launcher on its back. - Kathleen

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[Yes! I want to help support the ongoing work of the Center for Development in Central America.](#)

A note about the e-newsletter... We send out over 7,000 newsletters by email each quarter, and more than 30% are actually opened.

You have asked us to let you know when we have needs, and so we are letting you know! But maybe you don't realize how important your gift is? The math woks like this:

- If 10% of the folk receiving the e-newsletter gave (or upped their giving) [just \\$10/month](#), it would cover the medicine needs for all our patients each month!
- If each person who opened the e-newsletter gave an [extra \\$25 quarterly](#), that would provide salaries for over 20 Nicaraguan staff including our doctors!

YOU keep this work going. We are so grateful.

Interfaith Power & Light



<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

"Interfaith Power and Light" - 1 new article

1. [Faith Leaders: Add your name to this letter to President Biden and Administrator Regan to support a strong clean cars rule.](#)
2. [More Recent Articles](#)

Faith Leaders: Add your name to this letter to President Biden and Administrator Regan to support a strong clean cars rule.

In the United States, the biggest source of climate pollution is transportation. We've got to reduce pollution from our cars and trucks if we're going to address the climate crisis.

The Biden EPA developed strong clean car standards for cars and trucks through the model year 2026, but there has been no word on standards for cars and trucks beyond 2026. We need those standards to be strong and to be in place as soon as possible. There is no time for delay.

[Interfaith Power & Light will be delivering this letter to the White House and the EPA in August.](#) The faith voice is an important one and we are asking all faith leaders to join us in this effort. Cleaner cars, along with other transportation solutions like improved mass transit and walk/bike infrastructure, will reduce both local air pollution and the carbon pollution responsible for climate change. This is a matter of justice for the most vulnerable and for future generations. Please help us make a powerful statement to the Biden administration and the EPA [by adding your name to this letter.](#)

<http://www.scipl.org/>

South Carolina Interfaith Power and Light Seeks a new director! See website for details.

SCIPL Leadership Council Commitment to JEDI

SCIPL affirms the [Jemez Principles for Democratic Organizing](#) and the advancement of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) in fighting climate change. As we grow SCIPL's Leadership Council, we have an intentional focus on adding people who represent the diverse cultures, faiths and regions present in South Carolina. If you share a commitment to advancing JEDI and climate justice in our state, we invite you to apply for SCIPL's leadership council [here.](#)

LATEST IMAGES OF THE DAY

[Snow Blanket for the Andes](#)

Back-to-back weather systems in July 2022 eased rainfall deficits in central Chile and added to the snowpack atop the mountain range.

[Smoke Over Siberia](#)

The Aqua satellite captured an image showing dozens of fires charring forests in Russia's far east.

[Ice Springs Lava Flow](#)

In Utah's Black Rock Desert, this jagged, black basalt—the newest rock in the state—has been a boon to farmers and miners.

[Crepuscular Rays and Light Scattering](#)

Even when viewed from space, sunsets lead to an interesting play of light in the atmosphere.

[Blooming Lake Okeechobee](#)

Nearly half of the lake was covered with blue-green algae in early July 2022.

[Heatwaves and Fires Scorch Europe, Africa, and Asia](#)

In summer 2022, multiple heatwaves around the world felled temperature records and fueled wildfires.

[Tahiti's Heavy Waves](#)

The waves off the coast of Teahupo'o can heave a crushing amount of water toward the shore and onto unlucky surfers.

RECENT BLOG POSTS

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Launch Night

July 19, 2022

Sounding rockets provide a fast and cheap route to prove the viability of cutting-edge instrumentation.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Spring Greening in the Arctic Tundra

July 14, 2022

Scientists journeyed to Utqiagvik, Alaska, where they installed automated sensors to capture the region's seasonal green-up.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

The Village

July 14, 2022

It takes a village to send something to space.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Red

July 13, 2022

The color red claims everything in East Arnhem Land, Australia, where scientists have gathered to launch a sounding rocket.

NASA Earth Observatory

Where every day is Earth day.

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>



<https://www.nature.org>



If you're a wildlife-lover, you won't want to miss this captivating [close-up video](#) from our osprey cam at our South Cape May Meadows Preserve in New Jersey.

It's a behind-the-scenes look at the hard work that goes into building the perfect nest, making sure the sticks are placed *just* right for the arrival of the osprey eggs.

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But for all the preparation, osprey parenting is not without challenges. Our resident osprey pair, Zeus and Hera, return to the same nest year after year in the hopes of raising healthy chicks. Sadly, for the last two years their eggs have not been viable — meaning, they did not hatch.

The devastating loss is just another reminder of why our conservation work together is so critical.

Ospreys were once an endangered species in New Jersey, teetering on the brink of extinction with fewer than 50 nesting pairs. Thanks to careful conservation efforts there are now hundreds of nesting pairs in the state today.

Each year, our New Jersey stewardship team repairs and restores nearly 30 platforms before the birds arrive for nesting season. And with your support, The Nature Conservancy has been a key partner in restoring and protecting more than 30,000 acres of salt marsh habitat for osprey and other wildlife in the Delaware Estuary.

RAWA will fund critical on-the-ground work like habitat restoration and invasive species removal to save threatened wildlife in all 50 states.

<http://justiceunbound.org/>

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National Audubon Society (<http://www.audubon.org/>)

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Whether you're looking to attract birds to your home or increase your awareness outdoors, let this primer be your guide.

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Audubon Society of South Carolina (<http://sc.audubon.org/>)

If you are stuck indoors and need a birdy-distraction, [*For the Love of Birds*](#) is a beautiful page filled with Audubon South Carolina's favorite bird photos, videos, and stories!

The [*National Wildlife Federation*](#)

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[Animal Migration Activity Guide](#)

Designed for elementary age kids, this activity guide can be used in a classroom or at home for fun and easy ways to learn about animal migration.

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Online accessibility to locate trails, parks, recreational facilities, etc:

See links: <https://upcountrysc.com/explore/>

https://www.traillink.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiAqIKNBhAIEiwAu_ZLDkxoXaDsNko0_zubejkEHPfZpfmizNyOZDehbEIC7AIjQwyunrWOpXoCm-oQAvD_BwE

https://americanhiking.org/hiking-resources/?gclid=CjwKCAiAqIKNBhAIEiwAu_ZLDhVj9n11q2aMB2MNfP37sNg5P46UR7xKqX_5MA5dwdN9IvVsogS4lXoC7IIQAvD_BwE#hikes-near-you

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