

SPRING CONVOCAATION



Kindling Faith
Center for Sabbath
Rest and Formation

Join us for conversation with eco-advocates from the three Abrahamic faiths as we explore commonalities in our understanding of ecological stewardship.

April 26, 2023,
8 am – 4 pm

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Children of Abraham: Stewards of Creation

Interfaith dialogue is essential for addressing the climate crisis, as the issue of environmental degradation affects people of all religious backgrounds and cultures. We face a global challenge that requires collective action, and bringing together individuals and groups of different faiths can result in a shared sense of responsibility and a broader understanding of the issue. Working together, faith communities can use their resources and platforms to raise awareness, encourage environmentally-friendly practices, and advocate for policy changes. Furthermore, interfaith cooperation promotes mutual respect and understanding, and can lead to a more unified approach to combatting the climate crisis. By recognizing the interconnectedness of all life on Earth, we can come together to protect our planet for future generations.

Workshop Presenters



Rabbi Yonatan Neril founded and directs The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development. Raised in California, Yonatan completed an M.A. and B.A. from Stanford University with a global environmental focus and received rabbinical ordination in Israel. He speaks internationally on religion and the environment, and co-organized twelve interfaith environmental conferences in Israel and the U.S. He is the lead author and general editor of three books on Jewish environmental ethics, including *Eco Bible*, a bestseller in several Amazon Kindle categories. He lives with his wife, Shana and their two children in Jerusalem.

Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing, professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, loves to teach and preach about the Bible, including the Bible's role in public life. An avid environmentalist, Rossing is involved with environmental initiatives at the seminary. Rossing has lectured and preached widely, including synod assemblies and global mission events for the ELCA, as well as ecumenical theological conferences. She has served on the executive committee and council of the Lutheran World Federation (2003-2010) and chaired the Lutheran World Federation's theology and studies committee.



Huda Alkaff is the founder and director of Wisconsin Green Muslims, a grassroots environmental justice group formed in 2005. Huda's higher education degrees are in Conservation Ecology, Sustainable Development, and Science/Environmental Education from the University of Georgia. Huda is a Program Manager at Milwaukee Environmental Consortium and the Coordinator of Wisconsin Faith Communities for Equitable Solar Initiative that connects with over 8,000 people from 19 different faith traditions and spiritualities. Huda received recognitions from the 2015 White House Champions of Change for Faith Climate Justice Leaders by President Obama, the 2016 Sierra Club Great Waters group Environmental Hero of the Year, the 2018 Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education Eco-Justice Award, the 2021 Rachel's Network Catalyst Award, the 2022 American Climate Leadership Award Finalist, and the 2022 Environmental Justice Award by Midwest Environmental Advocates.