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Justice for All Creation: Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving

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Nature in the Bible

- ▶ Isaiah 55.12: “the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”
- ▶ Psalm 148.3,9-10: “Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!... Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild animals and all cattle,creeping things and flying birds!”
- ▶ Lev. 25.19 (NET): “The land will give its fruit and you may eat until you are satisfied,and you may live securely in the land.”
 - ▶ Cf. 26.4, Deut. 11.17
- ▶ Jer. 4.28: “Because of this the land will mourn and the sky above will grow black.”
 - ▶ Cf. Is. 24.4
- ▶ Lev. 26.42: “I will remember my covenant with Jacob and also my covenant with Isaac and also my covenant with Abraham,^[a] and I will remember the land.”

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The Episcopal Church and Care of Creation

- ▶ 1991 GC “Environmental Stewardship Team” (2018 “Task Force for Care of Creation and Environmental Racism”)
- ▶ Attendance at UNFCCC COP
- ▶ 2015 Presiding Bishop Curry: Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation, Creation Care
- ▶ 2020 Care of Creation Covenant

GC 79 Resolutions

A008 Continuing the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation

A010 The Planting of "Paris Groves"

A011 Oppose Environmental Racism

A013 Facilitating the Development of the Church's Ministry of the Care of Creation

A014 The Use of Carbon Offsets

A018 Episcopalians Participating in Paris Climate Agreement

A020 Fossil Fuel Divestment

A068 Liturgical Revisions

A213 Promoting Energy and Water Efficiency Across The Church

B025 Water Systems and Water Rights

B027 Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action

C008 Advocacy for Creation Care

C020 Carbon Tax

C039 Energy Use in Parochial Report

C049 Support Producers of Locally Grown Food

C063 Ocean Health

D053 Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land

D081 Helping Communities Affected by Change in Energy Use

X023 Solidarity with the Gwich'in People

EPISCOPAL COVENANT TO CARE OF CREATION

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

In Jesus, God so loved the *whole* world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned about the global climate emergency, drawing from a range of approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

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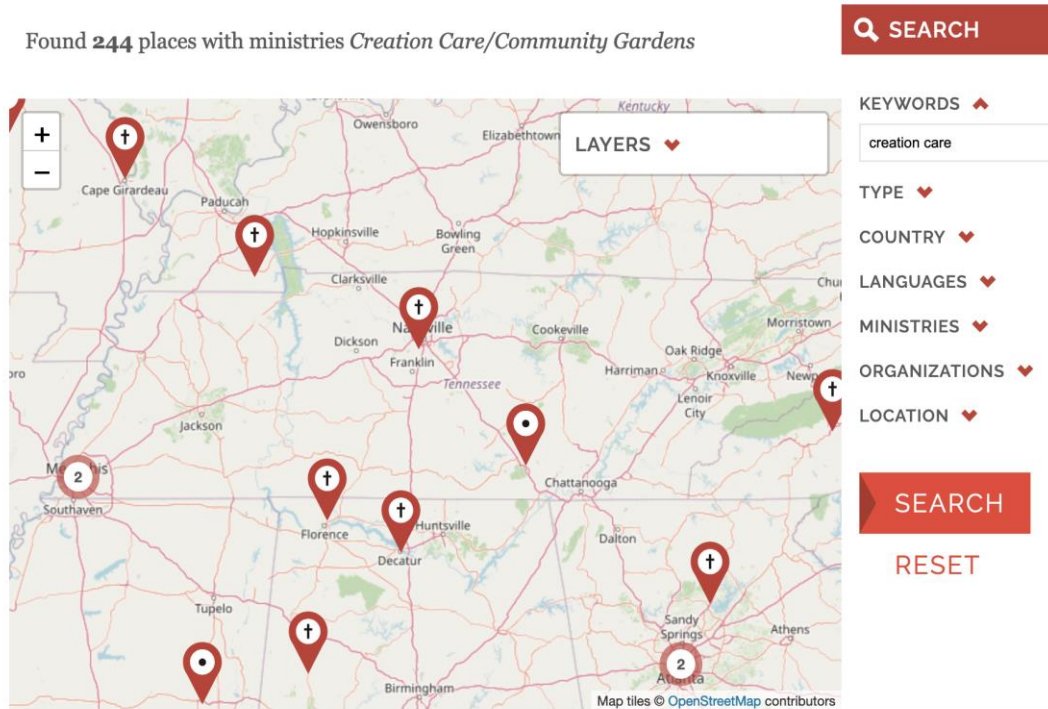
Individuals, congregations/ministries/communities, dioceses, and Church-wide leaders can use the grid on the next two pages to guide engagement with the Covenant for Care of Creation and its commitment to *Loving Formation*, *Liberating Advocacy* and *Life-Giving Conservation*.

INDIVIDUAL	CONGREGATION/MINISTRY	DIOCESE	CHURCH-WIDE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commit to Covenant and network- Use Asset Map, formation/liturgy resources, etc. on TEC website- Use Carbon Tracker to learn about and adapt energy use- Become a Climate Champion or Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador- Sign up for monthly newsletter and Episcopal Public Policy Network- Learn and practice simple, grateful living – TURN and BLESS- Make conscious choices about food and land use; employ carbon offsets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commit to Covenant and join church-wide network- Use Asset Map, formation/liturgy resources, etc. on TEC website- Apply for Creation Care Grant- Identify Climate Champion and form committee or task force- Teach and practice simple, grateful living – TURN and BLESS- Make conscious choices about food and land use- Employ carbon offsets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commit to Covenant and network- Discern long-term ambition for stewarding creation and resources- Use Asset Map, formation/liturgy resources, etc. on TEC website- Form group of Climate Champions/ Animators from each congregation- Support youth engagement, esp. via diocesan youth ministries- Teach and practice simple, grateful living – TURN and BLESS- Make conscious choices about food and land; employ carbon offsets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop website for formation/liturgy resources, communication and conversation- Develop Asset Map to track climate impact and vulnerable communities- Maintain monthly newsletter to inform and connect leaders- Activate youth via Youth/Young Adult Ministries and COP26- Teach and practice simple, grateful living – TURN and BLESS- Make conscious choices about food and land; employ carbon offsets

See the full Episcopal Creation Care Covenant on next page for specific actions related to *Loving Formation*, *Liberating Advocacy* and *Life-giving Conservation*, and learn more about supporting resources and networks at www.episcopalchurch.org/creation.

Loving Formation

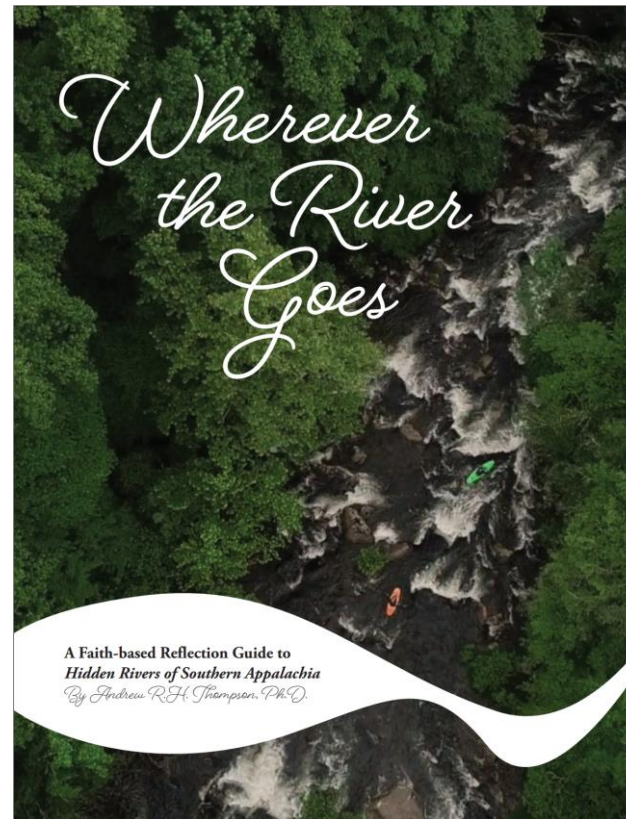
Found **244** places with ministries *Creation Care/Community Gardens*



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- Liturgies
- Story Sharing
- Episcopal Asset Map
- *Anglican Theological Review*
- Grants

Hidden Rivers/ “Wherever the River Goes”



Liberating Advocacy

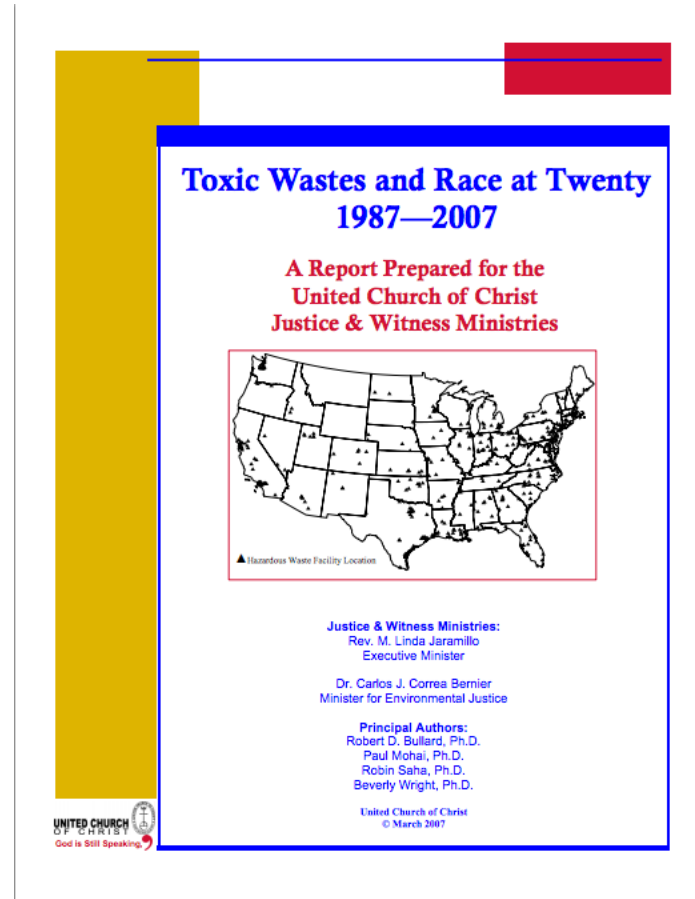
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 - ▶ Asset Map
 - ▶ Environmental Justice/Organizing
 - ▶ Episcopal Public Policy Network
 - ▶ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP 26)
 - ▶ Fossil Fuel Divestment



Ecojustice and Environmental Justice

- ▶ Eco-Justice: The well-being of humankind on a thriving earth. The condition or principle of being just or equitable with respect to ecological sustainability and protection of the environment, as well as social and economic issues.
- ▶ Environmental Justice: 1. Fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies (EPA). 2. The universal right to collective environmental, political, economic self-determination.
 - ▶ Also grassroots activism for fair treatment, meaningful involvement, etc. and against environmental racism
- ▶ Environmental Racism: 1. Environmental injustice that occurs in practice and in policy within a racialized context (Benjamin Chavis). 2. Any policy, practice, or directive that differentially affects or disadvantages (whether intended or unintended) individuals, groups, or communities based on race or color (Robert Bullard).

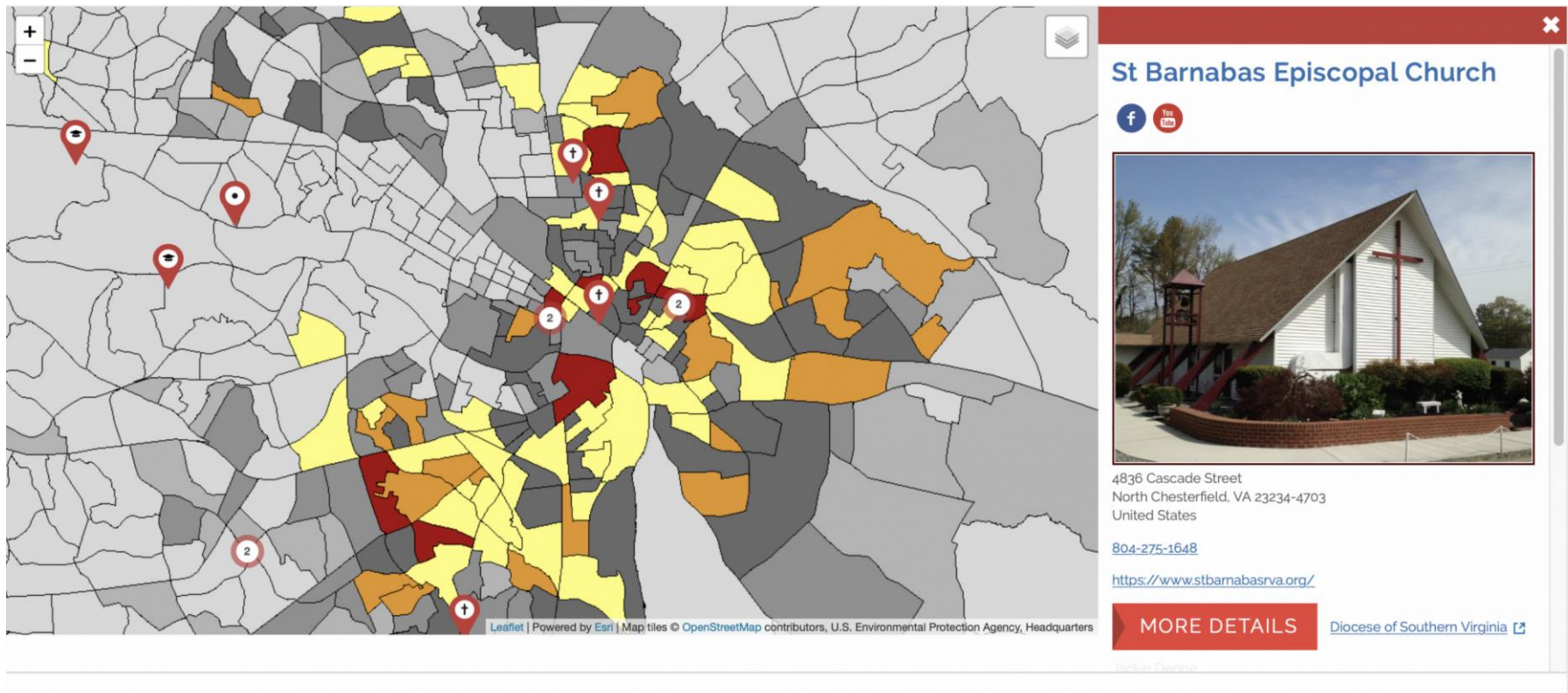
Environmental Justice: UCC “Toxic Wastes & Race” 1987/2007



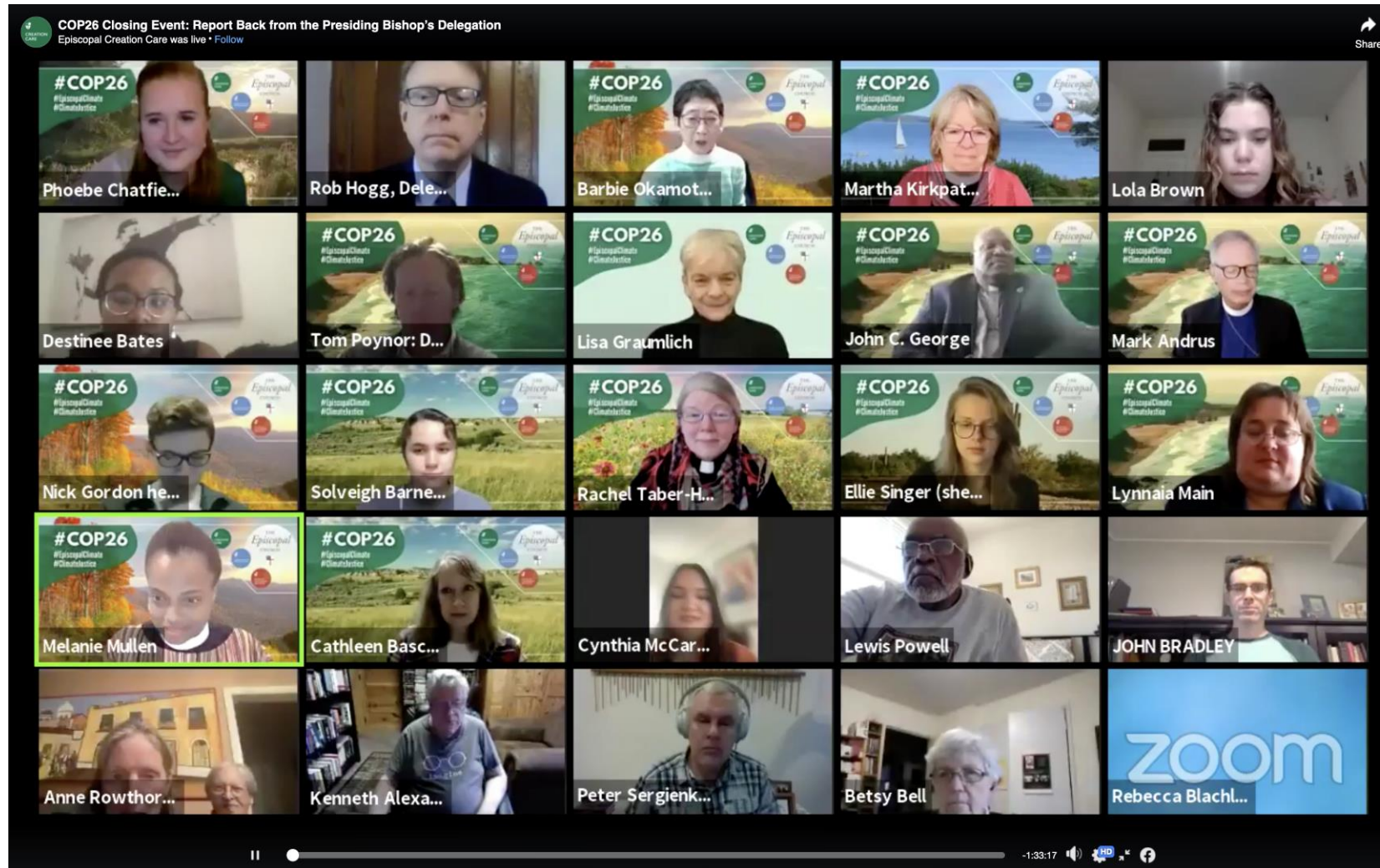
Climate Justice



Asset Map: Environmental Racism



TEC at COP 26



Liberating Advocacy

- ▶ Denounce whatever is opposed to “loving, liberating, life-giving” care of creation
 - ▶ Racism
 - ▶ Neocolonialism
 - ▶ Militarism
 - ▶ Extractive economy
- ▶ Divestment/Reinvestment, Community Organizations



Life-Giving Conservation

- ▶ Carbon Tracker
- ▶ Carbon Offsets
- ▶ Good News Gardens
- ▶ Grants



Conservation Grants



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