Print, Film and Worship Resources

*As with other handouts, simply “skip verification” if you get such a message.   
The links are good, and they are safe.*

The Northern Illinois AC Net-Zero website: [econetnic.org](https://www.econetnic.org) (a work in progress)

The NIC [Net-Zero Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/nicnetzero) (curated news, updated often)

***Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing  
 in a Divided World****,* by Katherine Hayhoe (Copyright 2021).

In this very readable book, Dr. Hayhoe tackles the tough issues of how we can talk to others about our changing planet and how we can move toward solutions.

Dr. Hayhoe’s website and newsletter signup: [katharinehayhoe.com](https://www.katharinehayhoe.com/)\

[Dr. Hayhoe’s famous TED talk about the most important thing you can do: Talk!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BvcToPZCLI&t=21s)

[Questions, answers & what your church can do from Dr. Hayhoe](https://www.katharinehayhoe.com/faqs/#church-footprint) – Extensive!

***Books***

▶ *7 Simple Steps to Green Your Church*, by Rebekah Simon-Peter

▶ *Green Church,* by Rebekah Simon-Peter et al (Adult, Youth and Children)

▶ *Inside Out: Practices for Going Deeper in Nature,* by Beth Norcross

▶ *Start Singing: How to Form Your Own Spirituality in Nature Group,* by Beth Norcross

▶ *Saving God’s Green Planet,* by Tri Robinson

▶ *Just Eating: Practicing Our Faith at the Table,* by Presbyterian (PC USA) Hunger Program

▶ *The Green Bible Devotional,* by Carla Barnhill

▶ *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*,   
 by Jessica Stonecypher

▶ *The Season of Creation: A Preaching Commentary*

▶ *Keep It Good: Understanding Creation Care Through Parables,* by C. Lindsay Linsky

▶ *The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job and the Scale of Creation,* by Bill McKibben

▶ *Climate Courage,* by Andreas Karelas

▶ *A Hope for the Earth: Faith, Science and the Message of Jesus,* by Sally Dyck and Sarah Ehrman

▶ *A Climate for Change,* by Katharine Hayhoe and Andrew Farley

▶ *A New Climate for Theology,* by Sallie McFague

▶ *Good Food,* by Jennifer R. Ayres

▶ *The Nature Fix,* by Florence Williams

▶ *The Food Fix,* by Mark Hyman

## ▶ [*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*](https://www.amazon.com/Braiding-Sweetgrass-Indigenous-Scientific-Knowledge-ebook/dp/B00D0V44LC/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2TN85YAWBPZ2V&keywords=braiding+sweetgrass+by+robin+wall+kimmerer&qid=1699582121&sprefix=braidind+swee%2Caps%2C107&sr=8-1)by [Robin Wall Kimmerer](https://www.amazon.com/Robin-Wall-Kimmerer/e/B001KIHUZE?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1&qid=1699582121&sr=8-1)

## ▶ *Before the Streetlights Come On: Black America’s Urgent Call for Climate Solutions* by Heather McTeer Toney ▶ Many children’s and other books about Wangari Maathai, the woman who began the African Green Belt movement

## ▶ Fiction: *Parable of the Sower* and *Parable of the Talents* by Octavia Butler

***Films***

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| ▶ *The Human Element*  ▶ *Chasing Ice*  ▶ *Carbon Nation Movie*  ▶ *The Need to Grow*  ▶ *Kiss the Ground*  ▶ *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind:* | ▶ *Racing Extinction*  ▶ *Merchants of Doubt*  ▶ *Climate Refugees*  ▶ *Nourish Food & Community*  ▶ *Renewal* film, book and young readers book |

***Podcast and other media***▶ [***How We Survive***](https://www.marketplace.org/shows/how-we-survive/)**,** American Public Media exploration of environmental issues.

▶ ***Young Illinois farmers race against climate change to save their soil***  [An in-depth report from WBEZ about Illinois farmers’ efforts and challenges](https://www.wbez.org/stories/illinois-family-farmers-weigh-climate-change-conservation-and-risk/b782111e-cf33-44da-8771-15e2ff7416b6)

***Worship***

Celebrate **Earth Day** in your congregation during the month of April with theological

reflection on caring for creation. A sermon, litany and scripture reading will be available for download from Global Ministries on their website in both video and text formats. <https://umcmission.org>

**Season of Creation** is an ecumenical, international movement that provides resources to Christians for a specific emphasis on creation care and environmental justice from September 1 through October 4, when a blessing of the animals is often celebrated.

Visit both <https://seasonofcreation.org/> and <https://seasonofcreation.com>

Videos created by NIC Net Zero Task Force, Cathie Lowmiller and others:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/nicnetzeroworship>

Sign the **Climate Crisis Letter of the Clergy Letter Project**.   
Many resources are available on the website <https://www.theclergyletterproject.org/Climate_Letter/ClimateLtr.html>

From *Loving People and Planet in God’s Name* leader guide, Discipleship Ministries 2023, pp 74-77; augmented by suggestions at NIC Prairie Central Lay Academy, November 2023