Earth Day, 2021: Healing the Earth: From Local to Global Initiatives

How can we heal the earth in the simple everyday decisions we make about growing, eating and disposing of our food? How can we heal the earth through sustainability projects and interfaith, local, and international advocacy efforts?

Join us as we explore these questions in our Earth Day Series taking place in April and May onZoom. Follow this link <u>https://forms.gle/8Tbhjc2temTKxRw58</u> to register for any or all of the four Sunday Sessions on Zoom which will take place at 12:00 p.m. Register no later than the Friday before each presentation. Questions? Call 610-866-5661

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April 18, 2021 The Food Arc: Organic Food Production and Work of the Monocacy Farm Project Eli Stogsdill, Manager of the Monocacy Farm Project

In our opening session, Eli Stogsdill will introduce us to organic and sustainable farming practices and the work of the Monocacy Farm Project (MFP). Eli has worked with plants and people throughout his life; as a grassland researcher, sheep-herder, gardener, seedkeeper, handyperson, and educator. He has a degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas, and he continues to study our living world outside alongside people of all ages and abilities.



April 25, 2021 The Food Arc: From Joyful Consumption to Reverent Disposal

Kathy Fox, The Bethlehem Food Coop Lynnette Delbridge, Master Composter Beth Behrend, Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council

Kathy Fox, a member of the Bethlehem Food Coop (BFC) Board of Directors, will talk with us about finding healthy food in our local area. In particular, she will speak on behalf of the BFC, explaining what a food co-op is, what it will bring to Bethlehem, and the economic, community, and sustainability benefits of supporting and purchasing from a food co-op.

Lynnette Delbridge, an experienced composter trained most recently in the New York City Master Composter Program, will discuss practical and theological reasons for composting, demonstrate various composting methods at home, and the benefits of using compost to improve garden soil.

Beth Behrend, who teaches math at East Stroudsburg University and who serves on the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) as the head of the waste reduction committee, will talk about ways we can reduce our food waste at home and through the city. She will offer tips for conscience shopping habits and the EAC's city-wise composting project.



May 16, 2021 The Infrastructure Revolution: Financial Support for Sustainability Projects Alfred Griffin, Senior Managing Director and Head of Generate Credit

Alfred Griffin served for seven years as the founding President of the New York State Green Bank and is now a Senior Managing Director and Head of Generate Credit at Generate Capital, a leading sustainable infrastructure company. He is an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs where he teaches "Clean Energy Financial Innovation." Alfred will discuss proven technologies that can help reduce greenhouse gases, how they can be financed, and clean energy projects can help us move toward a more sustainable world.



May 23, 2021 Changing Hearts and Minds: Interfaith and International Advocacy for the Planet Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of Green Faith

The Rev. Fletcher Harper is GreenFaith's Executive Director and a pioneer in the global religious environmental movement. He has led organizing for multi-faith turnout at major climate mobilizations, including the historic Peoples Climate March in New York City in 2014. He works in the fossil fuel divestment movement, co-founded SHINE, an NGO which makes renewable energy available to women and communities in Africa and India, and is actively involved in interfaith efforts to protect the tropical rainforests and the rights of their indigenous guardians. He is the author of *GreenFaith: Mobilizing God's People to Protect the Earth*. Fletcher will talk with us about local, national, and international interfaith efforts to mobilize people of faith to advocate for our planet and ways we can get involved, particularly through Greenfaith Circles.