



# RENEWAL



<http://www.renewalproject.net/film>

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**RENEWAL** is an excellent feature-length (90min) documentary film that seeks to give voice to the vitality and diversity of today's religious-environmental activists. From within their traditions: Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim traditions, people of faith (in this case in the USA) are seeking environmental responsibility and *re-examining what it means to be human and how we live on this planet. Their stories of combating global warming and the devastation of mountaintop removal, of promoting food security, environmental justice, recycling, land preservation, and of teaching love and respect for life on Earth are the heart of RENEWAL.*

The documentary might be viewed as one unit or viewed as individual stories. From the DVD Main Menu you can choose to play the entire 90-minute documentary, or you can select any individual story. The individual stories are slightly longer than the versions in the full documentary and contain additional scenes and information.

### The eight stories in RENEWAL are:

**A Crime Against Creation** - Evangelical Christians bear witness in the face of the destruction of Appalachia (11:20 min.)

**Going Green** - GreenFaith in New Jersey helps congregations take the first steps to environmental action (14:20 min)

**Food for Faith** - Muslim tradition and charity forge bonds between urban communities and sustainable farms in Illinois (14:50 min)

**Ancient Roots** - The Teva Learning Center and Adamah in Connecticut bring environmental education together with Jewish tradition (17:30 min)

**Compassion in Action** - Green Sangha, a Buddhist community in northern California, leads a campaign to save trees (11:10 min)

**Eco-Justice** - Industrial contamination is confronted by faith in small-town Mississippi (11:30 min)

**Sacred Celebration** - Roman Catholics and Native Americans embrace religious ritual in a struggle to protect New Mexico's land and water (9:30 min)

**Interfaith Power and Light** - Across The United States people of all faiths mount a religious response to global warming (9:25 min)

The Renewal Video may be borrowed from AVEL or purchased for \$20 US here: <http://www.renewalproject.net/dvd>

Free screening guide and supporting material: [http://www.renewalproject.net/images/uploads/renewal\\_screening\\_guide.pdf](http://www.renewalproject.net/images/uploads/renewal_screening_guide.pdf)

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## Matthew Fox - Creation Spirituality

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



### A Weekend with Matthew Fox - Hildegard and the Mystics

<http://www.hollyhock.ca/cms/Matthew-Fox.html>

April 26 - April 27, 2013

Hollyhock Centre for Learning & Well-Being  
Canadian Memorial United Church & Centre For Peace  
1825 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

### The Return of the Cosmic Christ: Science, Mysticism, and Visions of a New World

[www.rowecenter.org](http://www.rowecenter.org) 413.339.4954

May 17 - May 19, 2013

Rowe Conference Center 22 Kings Highway Rowe, MA

### Cosmic Christ and the Historical Jesus

with Bruce Chilton

June 28 - June 30, 2013

First United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, PA or *online*

<http://christpathseminar.com/>

### Sounds True Wake-Up Festival

including Friday The Cosmic Mass

August 15 - August 17, 2013

Estes Park, CO

800.333.9185 [www.wakeupfestival.com](http://www.wakeupfestival.com)

### Cosmic Christ and Youth, the Occupy Generation

with Adam Bucko

October 11 - October 13, 2013

Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA or *ONLINE*

<http://christpathseminar.com/>

**TOWARD DARING DISCIPLESHIP**

**April, 2013**

**It does not come naturally to us... this 'Living with respect in creation'**

**It appears we will have to continually work to learn how...**



The desk of Lorna MacQueen

## A Desert Faith for a Desert Time –

2013 Earth-Honoring Faith Series:

June 24, 2013 - June 30, 2013

<http://ghostranch.org/earth-honoring-faith-series/>  
(505) 685 - 4333 ext 4152

### Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Centre

<http://ghostranch.org/>

Abiquiu, New Mexico (outside of Santa Fe)

*A Desert Faith for a Desert Time is sixth in a series of a ten-year commitment on the part of Ghost Ranch to Earth-Honoring Faith: A Song of Songs. The goal of the series is to construct justice-centered, Earth-Honoring, christianities that promote interfaith efforts on common earth issues.*



*Life may have begun in Eden, but faith began in the desert. How are landscape and belonging joined? And how has God's presence been experienced in these fierce places? What is a desert faith for a time of global warming, and how do we shape a desert people when "the eyes of the future are looking back at us and are praying for us to see beyond our own time?" – Terry Tempest Williams.*

*Join ...for study and worship amid the mystical landscape and the red and gold mesas of northern New Mexico's high mountain desert.*

### INSTRUCTOR(S)

- **Terry Tempest Williams** author of Refuge, Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert, and When Women Were Birds,
- **William Brown** author of The Seven Pillars of Creation,
- **Talitha Arnold** author of Worship for Vital Congregations,
- **Larry Rasmussen** author of the award-winning volume Earth Community, Earth Ethics and Earth-Honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Key

## Journey of the Universe

### Our Elegant Universe

June 23-29, 2013.

<http://www.ciweb.org/religion-lectures-week-one/>  
<http://www.ciweb.org/education-lectures-week-one/>

### Chautauqua Institution - New York

Morning sessions in this week will be given to scientists to speak about the Journey of the Universe. Afternoon sessions invite religious scholars from various religious traditions to reflect on Our Elegant Universe from the perspective of faith & spirituality .

MORNINGS: **Our Elegant Universe**– *exploring the wonders of the cosmos, our understanding of space and time, and the most basic questions of existence.*

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Brian Greene**, Columbia University theoretical physicist & author of The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos
- **Kobie Boykins**, an engineer with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- **Jennifer Wiseman**, director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion and NASA's senior project scientist for the Hubble Space Telescope.

AFTERNOONS: **Journey of the Universe** - *a scientific and a spiritual story - that transcends individual, human and geo-political boundaries. This understanding brings us into the present urgent need to protect our planet's future and ensure a flourishing and spiritually connected Earth community.* Reflect with interfaith scholars, led by Yale University professor and historian of religions Mary Evelyn Tucker.

#### SPEAKERS AND PERSPECTIVES:

- John Grim, Native American
- Rabbi Lawrence Troster, Judaism
- Heather Eaton, Christianity
- Safei Eldin Hamed, Islam
- David Haberman, Hinduism
- Christopher Chapple, Jainism
- Christopher Ives, Buddhism
- James Miller, Daoism
- Mary Evelyn Tucker, Confucianism
- Lisa Sideris, Environmental Ethics



## Encountering Earth: Reclaiming the Human

Web of Life Workshop Series

July 11-14, 2013

<http://spsmw.org/white-violet-center-for-eco-justice/>

### White Violet Center for Eco-Justice

1 Sisters of Providence Road  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN

Sister Linda Neil, CSJ offers leadership and an invitation to *become more mindful of Earth issues and how these issues may be addressed in this time of ecological crises.*

Art, music, literature, and personal and group reflection are woven together to create presentations that will help the participants *create a deeper awareness of the Earth, her systems and creatures.*



#### Participants will:

- reflect on our sense of place in our solar system, bioregion and watershed
- grow in understanding the New Story and its implications for living in the community of life
- deepen their understanding of the evolutionary process
- become aware of living in the Ecozoic Era as an invitation to live sustainably
- reflect on some of the powers of the universe and how we can live them out in our lives
- experience the meaning of living bio-regionally

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