



Our Mission - Promoting the *Active* Care of Creation in Minnesota Communities of Faith

Faith Community Partners

- **Catholic** - Office of Social Justice of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Mpls
- **Jewish**- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
- **Episcopal** - Minnesota Episcopal Environmental Stewardship Commission
- **Lutheran** - Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota
- **Methodist** - Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
- **Unitarian Universalist** - MN UU Social Justice Alliance – UU EcoMinds
- **Presbyterians** - Presbyterians for Restoring Creation- Minnesota Chapter
- **UCC** - United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Committee

We welcome the participation of all faith communities in Minnesota in our network.

Learn more at www.c3mn.net

We hear the call of the earth.
C3 believes global warming is a moral and ethical concern.



We are Responsible

Our pollution, particularly carbon dioxide (CO₂) from vehicles and coal plants, is warming the atmosphere and changing the climate.



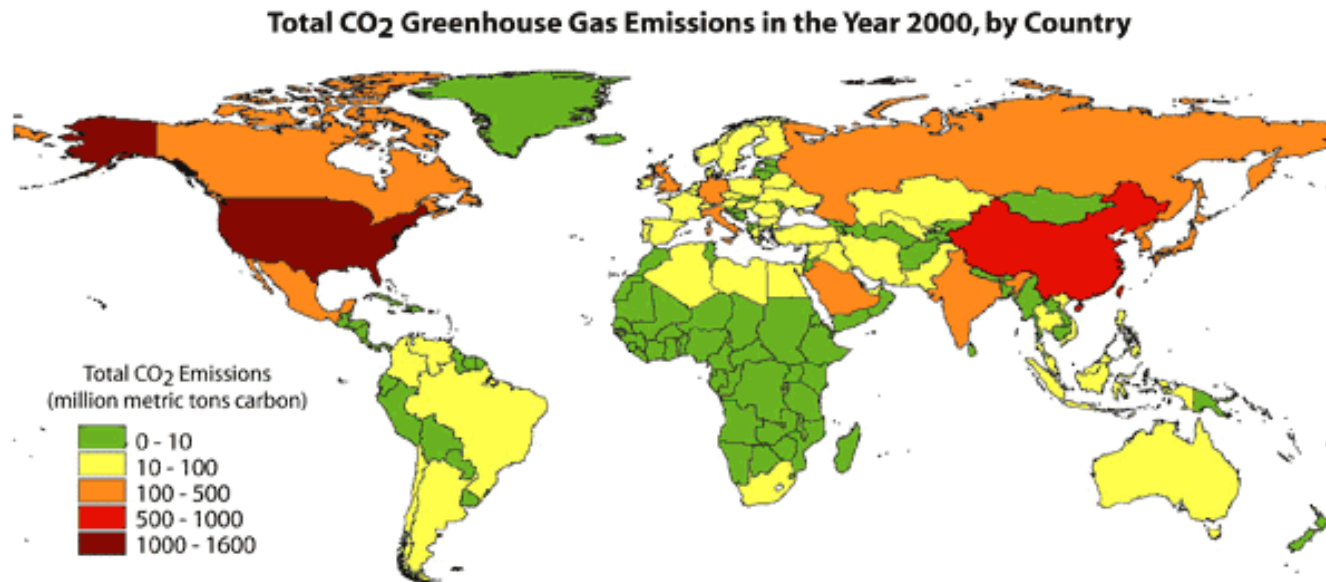
Global warming is a social justice issue
While global warming will affect everyone,
some of its greatest impacts will be to the
poorest and most vulnerable people.



Winds of change. A Somali girl searches for edible seeds among the dust. Increasing droughts are one of the most devastating effects of climate change.



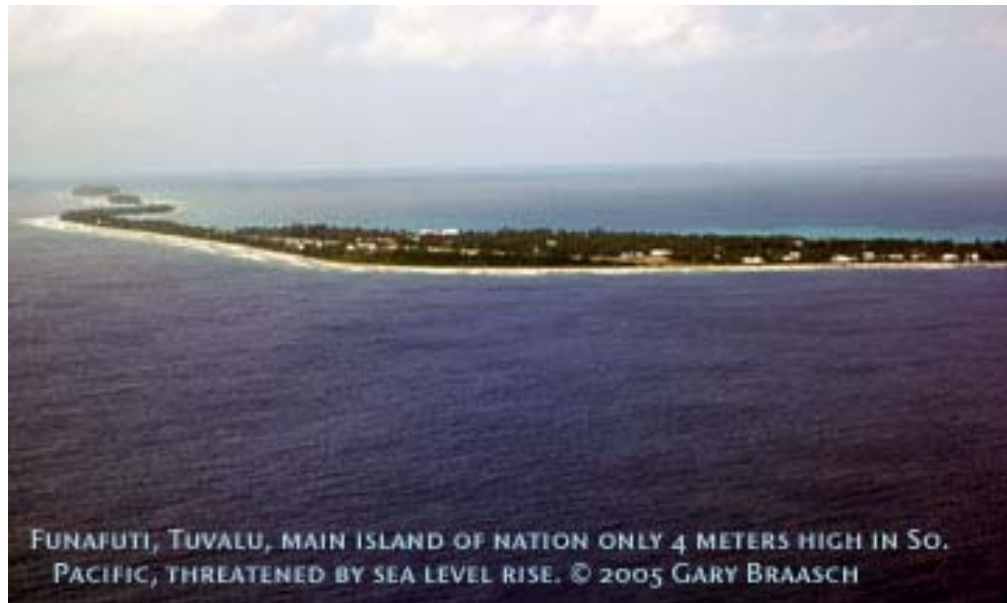
Those least able to cope and least responsible for the greenhouse gases that cause global warming are most affected, says lead author [Jonathan Patz](#), a professor at UW-Madison's [Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies](#). Herein lies an enormous global ethical challenge.



Data Source:
Marland, G., T.A. Boden, and R. J. Andres. 2003. Global, Regional, and National Fossil Fuel CO₂ Emissions. In Trends: A Compendium of Data on Global Change. Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge, Tenn., U.S.A.



Maps produced by the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment (SAGE)



Global warming. Sea level. Shishmaref, Alaska. Native Americans. **Bering Sea. Coasts.**



Interfaith and Ecumenical Partners

- Center for Spirituality & Sustainability of the **Alliance for Sustainability**
- **Interfaith Power and Light** - a national religious response to global warming
- **New Earth Partnership**
- **North American Coalition on Christianity and Ecology**

Science and Education Partners

- **Center for Energy and Environment**
- **Clear the Air**
- **Fresh Energy**
- **Minnesota Department of Commerce**
- **Minnesota Environmental Partnership**
- **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**
- **Will Steger Foundation**

Learn more at www.c3mn.net



- **Support for your Creation Care Team.**
A C3 coordinator or denominational representative can meet with your team, offer suggestions and resources. Find your representative at www.c3mn.net → click on “Your Faith Tradition.”

LEARN about creation care



C3 can provide your Congregation

- **Guest speakers** for adult forums & youth groups on global warming, energy, sustainability and why our actions are a matter of faith.
- **Current documentary films** on global warming, energy and sustainability.
- **Creation Care Statements** from your Faith Tradition.

Learn more at www.c3mn.net

Click on “Greening Your Congregation” then “Educational Resources”

LEARN about creation care - current films available

- **We encourage you congregation to host a ‘global warming movie night’** this fall. Help members of your congregation learn about global warming, as well as practical solutions for global warming reduction. To reserve one or more of the films please call Congregations Caring for Creation (C3)/ MN Interfaith Power and Light , 612-331-1099 x 1 or sign up on line at www.c3mn.net
- **“An Inconvenient Truth,”** contains a good overview of the scientific evidence of global warming, and an urgent appeal to take action now reduce further global warming in the future. Available free of charge from www.c3mn.net & www.interfaithpowerandlight.org for congregations that want to show the film during the first two weeks of October, 2006. Please reserve your film by Sept 1 to receive your own free copy for your congregation to own (we will have additional copies of the film to loan out if you miss the deadline.)
- **“Global Warming: What you need to know” with Tom Brokaw**, originally premiered on the Discovery Channel on July 16 Discovery Channel – available free of charge from C3
- **“The Great Warming”** a Canadian Documentary which originally premiered on PBS www.thegreatwarming.com (Stonehaven Productions is requesting that congregations receive an offering at the screening and split the proceeds to cover distribution costs.

Eyewitness to Global Warming C3 Public Forums with Polar Explorer Will Steger- details at www.c3mn.net

Fall 2005

- **Easter Lutheran, Eagan**
- **MN Valley UU Fellowship,
Bloomington**
- **Transfiguration Catholic
Church, Oakdale**

Spring 2006

- **Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake**
- **St. Mark's Cathedral**
- **Hennepin Ave UMC**
- **Prince of Peace Lutheran,
Burnsville**
- **Presbyterian Church of
Apostles, Burnsville**
- **Temple Israel, Minneapolis**
- **St. Joan of Arc Catholic
Church, Minneapolis**
- **St. John Neumann Catholic,
Eagan**



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Fall 2007 Schedule

Tuesday, September 19th, 7pm, Bethel Lutheran Church, Northfield,
www.bethelnorthfield.org,

Thursday, September 28th 7pm, Christ the King Lutheran Church,
Bloomington, www.ctkb.org

Thursday, October 26th 7pm, Advent Lutheran Church, , Maple Grove
www.adventlutheran.com,

Sunday October 29th 12:30pm to 4pm, Pax Christi Catholic Community,
Eden Prairie, www.paxchristi.com

INVOLVE members of your congregation

C3 can provide your Congregation -

Sample materials for member action campaigns to conserve energy & support clean, renewable sources of energy. Visit www.c3mn.net and click on “Greening your Congregation.” Current action campaigns include:

- **The Minnesota Energy Challenge** - have your members measure their CO₂ footprint and pledge the conservation actions they will take at www.mnenergychallenge.org (Full website available October 1, 2006)
- **Promoting CFL light bulbs** as a first step to conserve energy
- **Purchasing Green Power** to support expanded renewable energy
- **Bike, Walk or Carpool Sunday/ Sabbath**
- **Promote Wise Public Policy Solutions**

SAVE money & energy in your congregation

C3 can help your congregation be a good steward of resources through:

- **Referrals** to certified auditors for free or low cost energy audits for your building. Most congregations can save from 10% to 40% on their energy bills!
- **Small Business Energy Audits** - Mike Minzel, 952-474-3410, www.jitservicesinc.com
- **Commercial Lighting Audits** - Kristen Funk 612-335-3487 www.mncee.org
- **Green building resources** for renovation and new construction - in partnership with the Center for Sustainable Building Research at the U of MN www.csbr.umn.edu

Learn more - www.c3mn.net click “greening your congregation” then “green building, grounds and operations resources.”



St Joan of Arc Church

We Welcome You Wherever You are on Your Journey

- The St. Joan of Arc of Arc Catholic Church's "green" Parish Center in Minneapolis, which opened in late March 2001, is a model of what can be accomplished when building decisions are guided by an overall philosophy of stewardship, economy and respect for the environment.
- Deconstruction services was employed to dismantle the old building

The New Parish Center features

- 50% improvement over the state energy code
- Low flow faucets and toilets

- Salvaged and replanted trees, native/low-maintenance/drought-resistant plantings, shading for west windows, and expanded green space

Next Steps

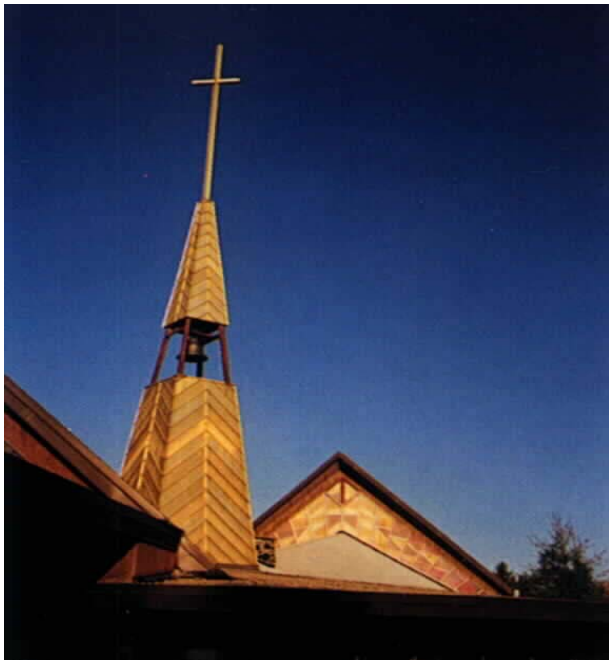
- Installing 10kw Photo Voltaic solar system on their roof.
- Exploring options for offsetting the CO2 impact of air conditioning their worship space

For further information -

www.nextstep.state.mn.us - case study

and www.stjoan.com

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA), Forest Lake



- **Faith Lutheran’s “Air Care” program** promotes the use of cordless electric lawn mowers instead of gas powered equipment- available at a discount at www.faithfl.org They have sold 50 mowers, reducing air pollution the equivalent of 300,000 driving miles.
- Remodeling & construction to their campus has included **geo-thermal heating and cooling**. This investment is expected to reduce energy consumption by 50%.
- **Rain gardens and porous paving** to be used to mitigate stormwater run-off.
- For more information www.faithfl.org

Lutheran Church of the Reformation, St. Louis Park



- The Lutheran Church of the Reformation traded their 1.1 acres of traditional mowed grass adjacent to Highway 100 for prairie grass, wildflowers, and burr oak trees to restore the **natural oak savanna landscape** native to the region.
- Replacing grass with indigenous prairie grasses and wildflowers eliminates the need for mowing, along with the harmful air emissions produced by mowing and landscape trimming equipment.
- The **prairie restoration and rain garden** also enhances the water quality of nearby lakes by naturally filtering out debris and harmful runoff from parking surfaces.
- Details at www.reformationslp.org

First Universalist Church, Minneapolis



- The 2006 **Earth Sunday** theme was “Global warming: listen to the animals.” Their youth group led the worship service along with a keynote speaker, live animal demonstrations, and an information fair
- Selling **Compact Fluorescent Bulbs** and **Blue Sky Guides**
- Encouraging families to buy **green power**
- Arranging for **car pooling** to church
- **Environmental Library** Collection
- Door-Knocking to help pass the **MN Renewable Electricity Standard**
- Work on the **UU national Study Action Issue**: “The Threat of Global Warming”.
- Details at www.firstuniv.org/justice.html

MN Valley UU Fellowship



- MVUUF is becoming a **Green Sanctuary** through the UU Ministry for Earth program
- Members sold 325 **Compact Fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)** to members and helped residents in a retirement community to install 300+ CFLs to promote **energy conservation**.
- In December of 2005 they hosted a **Eyewitness to Global Warming Forum** with Will Steger giving his first hand account of global warming and a climate scientist talking about science and solutions.
- MVUUF **will be purchasing 100% of their electricity from wind energy - Windsorce**
- MVUUF members purchase produce from a **Community Supported Agriculture** farm
- Details at www.mnvalleyuu.org

Temple Israel, Minneapolis



- Temple Israel's **Ner Tamid Task Force** for Sustainability mission is "To bring about Tikun Olam, health, and sustainability, meeting our needs today while assuring those of future generations".
- Temple Israel installed a **1.75 KW Photo Voltaic solar system** on their roof to provide some of the electricity for their sanctuary and to light their eternal flame (Ner Tamid)
- Installed an **energy-star rated new boiler system**
- Switching to **non-toxic cleaning products**
- Temple Israel hosted a forum in April of 2006 on global warming with **Will Steger** and C3.
- Details at www.templeisrael.com

Basilica of St. Mary



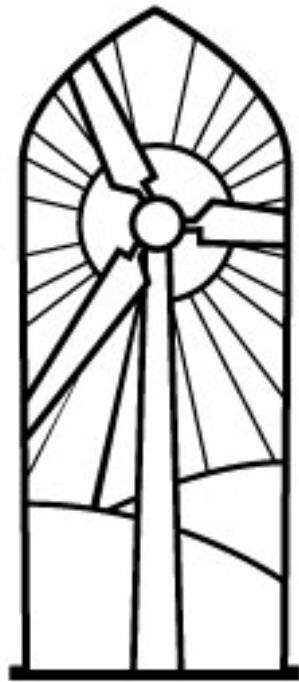
- The Basilica's Economic Stewardship Team and parish Staff recently participated in a training on Sustainability and the Natural Step through the Alliance for Sustainability. As a result, the congregations Economic Stewardship Committee has become it's Sustainability committee and has developed detailed action plans to conserve energy, reduce waste and toxics and promote renewables
- Their Stewardship team joined forces with the Basilica Block party team to dramatically reduce the solid waste generated by their event.
- The Basilica will have an overall energy audit.
- Creation care will be a theme during the down town congregation's fall Interfaith Forum.
- Further info www.mary.org

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ



- Falcon Heights United Church of Christ is **purchasing wind power** through Xcel's Windsource Program
- They created an **energy-efficient addition to their building**, using **EnergyStar approved windows and lighting**, while making needed improvements to the rest of their facility.
- While they increased their available space they experienced no increase in their energy usage or bills.
- Further info - www.uccdove.org

C3 / Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light



C3's Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light Program

- Congregations Caring for Creation is a member of the **Interfaith Power and Light campaign**, an interfaith effort mobilizing a national religious response to global warming while promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation.
- Details at www.interfaithpowerandlight.org

CONNECT with other Congregations in your area



- Sign up for our free monthly C3 e-newsletter
- Attend our spring and fall C3 networking events
- Meet others from your denomination
- Meet other congregations in your community
- Details at www.c3mn.net

C3 can provide your Congregation

- **C3 monthly electronic newsletter** which describes upcoming events and news. C3 can also provide action updates on upcoming legislation related to global warming, energy issues and natural resources.
- **Networking opportunities & forums.** C3 hosts fall & spring networking events to introduce volunteers from many congregations to meet each other and share stories on how we're integrating creation care into worship, education, building operations & outreach. C3 also hosts forums to foster reflection and dialog.
- **Funding possibilities.** C3 can suggest funding options to assist your congregation in making positive changes for the environment, such as grants for waste reduction and watershed-friendly landscaping. Details at www.c3mn.net



Individuals – *how to join*

- Sign up to receive C3's monthly newsletter emails with news and upcoming event information.
- Sign up for C3's legislative update emails.
- Help form a Creation Care Team in your Congregation.
- Volunteer on a C3 team &/or donate to strengthen our network (optional).
- Sign up at www.c3mn.net

Congregations – *how to join*

- Form a Creation Care Team.
- Carry out one or more creation care activities each year and share your results with us.
- Contact your C3 denominational representative for ideas and support.
- Attend C3 networking events.
- Strengthen the C3 network with volunteers and/or financial support (optional).
- Sign up at www.c3mn.net