

## CREATION CARE SUNDAY FORUM SPEAKERS

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

“Spiritual Resilience and Leadership in a Climate Emergency” With The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

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In the face of ecological crisis, how do we maintain courage and hope? What spiritual practices and perspectives sustain us as we struggle to protect the web of life and to create a more just society? Rev. Margaret will present what she calls “a framework for the heart” to address climate grief and anxiety. The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas is an Episcopal priest, author, retreat leader, and climate activist. She has been a lead organizer of many Christian and interfaith events about care for Earth, and she leads spiritual retreats in the U.S.A. and Canada on spiritual resilience and resistance in the midst of a climate emergency. Her latest book, Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis (2019) is a co-edited collection of essays by religious environmental activists. She has been arrested in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere to protest expanded use of fossil fuels. She serves as Missioner for Creation Care in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass. and Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ, and as Creation Care Advisor for the Episcopal Diocese of Mass. Her Website, RevivingCreation.org, includes blog posts, sermons, videos, and articles.

### SUNDAY MAY 8

Karenna Gore, Founder and Executive Director, Center for Earth Ethics Union  
Theological.

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Ms. Gore is the author of the book, *Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America*. All of these women did work that was highly relevant to Creation Care, particularly Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mother Jones, Alice Hamilton, and Dolores Huerta. She is the founder and executive director of the Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Karenna formed CEE in 2015 to address the moral and spiritual dimensions of the climate crisis. Working at the intersection of faith, ethics, and ecology, she guides the Center’s public programs, educational initiatives, and movement-building. She also is an ex officio faculty member of Columbia University’s

Earth Institute. Her previous experience includes serving as director of Union Forum at Union Theological Seminary, a platform for theological scholarship to engage with civic discourse and social change. She also worked at the legal center of Sanctuary for Families, which serves victims of domestic violence and trafficking, was director of community affairs for the Association to Benefit Children, which provides early childhood education and other services for New York City families living in poverty, and was an associate with the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.

## **SUNDAY, MAY 1**

“How People of Faith Can Help With a Climate Revival“ with [The Rev. Jim Antal](#)

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We can shift our focus from personal salvation to collective salvation. Because climate change amplifies all forms of injustice – hunger, refugees, racism, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war – defense of creation is a campaign for justice. By reorienting what we prize through new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing, and other spiritual practices, we can honor creation as we cultivate hope and discover new joy. The Rev. Jim Antal, author of *Climate Church*, *Climate World*, a UCC minister who is now Special Advisor on Climate Justice to UCC General Minister and President (email: [revjma@gmail.com](mailto:revjma@gmail.com); Website: <https://www.jimantal.com/>).

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

Creation Care Kickoff with [Stewart Lindsay](#)

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Many of us have had peak religious moments in nature when we are reminded of the beauty of creation and encounter God’s cathedral in its widest sense, in surrounding landscapes or sunsets. The outdoors is indeed the handiwork of God. Climate change and global warming are now affecting all of creation. Nature is resilient but delicate. Some people misinterpret the scripture as giving humans dominance over nature. The world is at risk. How can we, as Christians, become stewards of the Earth and be responsible in our relationship with earth, as God has asked us to do?