

Interfaith Earth Network Youth Event



"Realize the Worth of Serving the Earth"

29 March 2009
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
414-964-1513

Plymouth United Church of Christ
2717 E. Hampshire Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211



Join other high school youth gathering from different congregations to become better acquainted with the natural link between ecology and faith.
(Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person)

- 1:00 Gather, check-in, name tags
- 1:15 **Professor Oops** (Humor, Science, Magic, Curiosity and Creativity!)
- 2:15 Separate into four corners/areas for smaller learning sessions
- 2:20 **Jigsaw Conversation, Part 1**
Talk with environmental experts about one of these topics:
Food ... Soil/Land ... Global Warming ... Homes/Water/Energy
- 2:50 **Jigsaw Conversation, Part 2**
Create groups of 4-6 youth each, one or two from each corner/area topic.
Each youth summarizes the main learnings from the area they came from
- 3:15 Each group of four comes up with a way to present their key learnings and insights
(What was most interesting or surprising to them; what additional information they gained from sharing their insights with each other... Besides just recording them on a piece of paper to hand in, they can also choose to create a large poster or make up a skit.)
- 3:30 **Presentations from each small foursome**
- 4:00 All youth gather back with their home congregation groups for a wrap-up.
(What "next step" do they want to do as a congregation? Some type of "Earth Service" work project in the summer? A deeper educational experience? A special prayer service for Earth Day? Whatever ideas they come up with. Someone records this and hands it in..)
- 4:30 **Comments from each of the congregations** about their next steps...
- 5:00 Closing prayer and farewell.



Call or email Lisa to register! 414-545-6006 lisa@tomorrowspresent.org

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Visit our website: www.InterfaithEarthNetwork.org

Professor Oops – Sky Schultz

Sky Schultz Ph.D. was trained as a research scientist and clinical psychologist. Now he works (and plays) as an "entertaining educator." He will engage the students with his "Genius Lessons....the best and funniest ideas he has found to heal our selves and the planet."

Paulette Flynn

Paulette Flynn first began fighting for social justice in the 7th grade, when she organized a school car wash to raise money to adopt a child overseas. Since then, she has raised money, awareness and hope in communities.

Paulette co-founded SHARE in the early 80's and was instrumental in developing the national network of SHARE affiliates. SHARE is a not-for-profit volunteer-based program that helps people save money on food. Through the years she has trained local volunteer leaders, loaded trucks, and has bought food for 21,000 monthly. Paulette is now the Executive Director of SHARE Wisconsin, serving Wisconsin, northern Illinois and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Paulette is married to "Mike the Worm Guy" Flynn. They share a home in Richfield, Wisconsin where they enjoy organic gardening and playing with their big dog Maggie. Paulette's other interests include cooking and hiking.

Mike "The Worm Guy" Flynn

Mike "The Worm Guy" Flynn is a university trained chemist/biochemist turn 'Green Entrepreneur'. He founded Green Quest LLC in order to help folks transform organic residue, what some may call waste, into products that are used to help heal the soil. Mike has worked on projects both nationally and internationally on projects ranging from growing wine grapevines to digesting shrimp heads.

Currently Mike has partnered with some of Nature's most magnificent transformers, microbes and worms, to make organic products for local landscapers to use on lawns and trees to improve the health of the land and the surrounding community.

Mike and Paulette are working this season to revitalize the land around their home in Richfield with some help from Maggie, their dog.

John P. Bahr

John has had several phases in his career to date. He just keeps moving from one challenge to the next. First he worked at General Electric, doing process and product design and development. Next, he served on the Faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin doing research, teaching and system design. Following that, he developed and managed two medical software businesses. His software is used in five states.

He is now working on promoting renewable energy and the reduction of global warming. He manages a 1000 acre family farm in Kansas and still has time for fun things such as bicycling, canoeing, mountain backpacking. He's an active member of RENEW Wisconsin, Sierra Club, Friends of Milwaukee Rivers, Clean Wisconsin and the MREA

Marty Kleiber

Marty is an architect and design consultant. He assists congregations as they think about, plan for, and build or remodel their places of worship. Marty has designed a sustainable chapel for a summer camp "up north", a sustainable Catholic student center at UW-Oshkosh, and has helped other congregations find ways to make their holy spaces Earth-friendly. He's a speaker and a writer.

Marty and his family have lived in Milwaukee for twenty years. Besides his interest in designing and planning spaces that are "earth-friendly," he has a passion for history and classic autos from the '50's and '60's, and would love to do his bit for "recycling" by having the chance to restore one someday. He also loves to laugh and occasionally gets mistaken for Santa Claus!

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