

## ***Care for God's Creation: Reading and Resources List***

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### **I. READINGS:**

#### **A. Fiction**

Kingsolver, Barbara. *Flight Behavior* (PD)

Powers, Richard. *The Overstory* (PD)

Robinson, Kim Stanley. *The Ministry for the Future* (PD)

#### **B. Christian faith perspective**

Bahnson, Fred. *Soil and Sacrament: Four Seasons Among the Keepers of the Earth* (PD)

Bahnson, Fred. *Soil and Sacrament: A Spiritual Memoir of Food and Faith*. Simon and Schuster, 2013 (JS)

Bahnson, Fred and Norman Wirzba. *Making Peace with the Land: God's Call to Reconcile with Creation*. IVP Books, 2012 (JS)

Davis, Ellen. *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible*. Cambridge University Press, 2009 (JS)

Fick, Gary W. *Food, Farming, and Faith*. State University of New York Press, 2008 (JS)

Gilmer, Maureen. *God in the Garden: A Week-by-Week Journey Through the Christian Year*. Loyola Press, 2002 (JS)

Goldman, Connie and Richard Mahler. *Tending the Earth, Mending the Spirit: The Healing Gifts of Gardening*. Nodin Press, 2008 (JS)

Guroian, Vigen. *Inheriting Paradise: Meditations on Gardening*. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1999 (JS)

Hershey, Terry. *Soul Gardening: Cultivating the Good Life*. Augsburg Press, 1999 (JS)

Kramer, Kyle T. *A Time to Plant: Life Lessons in Work, Prayer, and Dirt*. Sorin Books, 2011 (JS)

Maathai, Wangari. *Unbowed* (Maathai was a social justice activist in Kenya, won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work in sustainable development, democracy, and peace) (PD)

Norris, Gunilla. *A Mystic Garden: Working With Soil, Attending to Soul*. Bluebridge, 2013 (JS)

Sinclair, Donna. *The Spirituality of Gardening*. Northstone, 2005 (JS)

Sleeth, Matthew. *Reforesting Faith: What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His Love for Us* (PD)

Stewart, Benjamin M. *A Watered Garden: Christian Worship and Earth's Ecology*. Augsburg Fortress, 2011 (JS)

Sutterfield, Ragan. *Cultivating Reality: How the Soil Might Save Us* (A guide through the agrarian habit of mind. Sutterfield shows Christians how a theological return to the soil will enliven us again to the joys of creatureliness. We are, at our base, humus-beings. Our lives are dependent upon the soil and we flourish when we live in this reality.) (PD, AL)

#### **C. Contemplation, spiritual but not religious, inspirational/other**

Christie, Douglas E. *The Blue Sapphire of the Mind: Notes for a Contemplative Ecology* (PD)

Macy, Joanna. *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in without Going Crazy* (PD)

#### **D. BIPOC voices and perspectives**

hooks, bell. *Belonging: A Culture of Place* (PD)

Kimmerer, Robin Wall. *Braiding Sweetgrass* (memoir, essays by a Native American woman botanist--a book to savor and reread many times) (PD)

Penniman, Leah. *Farming While Black* (A)

#### **E. Food and Eating**

Ayres, Jennifer R. *Good Food: Grounded Practical Theology*. Baylor University Press, 2013 (JS)

Bieler, Andrea and Louise Schottroff. *The Eucharist: Bodies, Bread, and Resurrection*. Fortress Press, 2007 (JS)

Campbell, Cathy. *Stations of the Banquet: Faith Foundations for Food Justice*. Liturgical Press, 2003 (JS)

Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Eating Animals*, 2010 (PD)

Jung, L. Shannon. *Food for Life: The Spirituality and Ethics of Eating*. Augsburg Fortress, 2004 (JS)

Jung, L. Shannon. *Hunger and Happiness: Feeding the Hungry, Nourishing Our Souls*. Augsburg Fortress, 2009 (JS)

Jung, L. Shannon. *Sharing Food: Christian Practices for Enjoyment*. Fortress Press, 2006 (JS)

Schut, Michael, ed. *Food and Faith: Justice, Joy, and Daily Bread*. Living the Good News, 2002 (JS)

Stone, Rachel Marie. *Eat with Joy: Redeeming God's Gift of Food*. Likewise, 2012 (JS)

Wirzba, Norman. *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating*. Cambridge University Press, 2011 (JS)

#### **F. Climate Change**

Jahren, Hope. *The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here* (PD)

Klein, Naomi. *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate* (PD)

Moore, Kathleen Dean. *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril* (PD)

Owen, David. "Promised Land: A Young Climate Activist is Creating Maps to Help the Catholic Church Combat Global Warming," *New Yorker* (8 February 2021): pp. 42-51 (AJ)

#### **G. Exploring the Natural World**

Haskell, David George. *The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature* (PD)

Kimmerer, Robin Wall. *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses* (PD)

Montgomery, David. *Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations* (An engaging natural and cultural history of soil that sweeps from ancient civilizations to modern times) (AL)

#### **H. Gardening and Farming**

Harrison, Robert Pogue. *Gardens: An Essay on the Human Condition* (PD)

Ohlson, Kristin. *The Soil Will Save Us: How Scientists, Farmers, and Foodies Are Healing the Soil to Save the Planet* (PD)

Pollan, Michael. *Second Nature: A Gardener's Education* (PD)

## **I. Ethics**

Jenkins, Willis. *The Future of Ethics: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Religious Creativity* (PD)

Joerstad, Mari. *The Hebrew Bible and Environmental Ethics* (The environmental crisis has prompted religious leaders and lay people to look to their traditions for resources to respond to environmental degradation.) (AL)

## **II. RESOURCES:**

### **A. Videos, Podcasts, Movies, Clips, etc.**

#### **1. Agriculture and Food Justice**

*Soil: The Dirty Climate Solution on How to Save a Planet* – Journalist Alex Blumberg and scientist and policy nerd Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson scour the Earth for solutions, talk to people who are making a difference, and ask hard questions. (Gimlet Media) (AL)

[https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9mZWVkcY5tZWdhcGhvbmuUuZm0vaG93dG9zYXZIYXBsYW5ldA/episode/M2NiNzZjZTYtNTEyMC0xMWVvLWJhZGItY2JlMDNiOTM3NWFl?hl=en&ved=2ahUKEWjk4\\_2NtbbuAhWbHzQIHfo8CYsQieUEegQIDBAL&ep=6](https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9mZWVkcY5tZWdhcGhvbmuUuZm0vaG93dG9zYXZIYXBsYW5ldA/episode/M2NiNzZjZTYtNTEyMC0xMWVvLWJhZGItY2JlMDNiOTM3NWFl?hl=en&ved=2ahUKEWjk4_2NtbbuAhWbHzQIHfo8CYsQieUEegQIDBAL&ep=6)

*UC Davis California Center for Urban Horticulture* (AL)

<https://ccuh.ucdavis.edu/resources/projects>

*Faith and Food Justice Forum, Creation Care Collective* (AL)

<https://creationcarecollective.com/faith-food-justice-forum/>

Interview with Richard Garcia: <https://creationcarecollective.com/alma-interview/>

*Food Apartheid*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUeFtaujl7E>

*Food Systems*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvccIUtCtOY>

*Food Waste*: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MpfEeSem\\_4&t=8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MpfEeSem_4&t=8s)

*Growing Food*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ezkg7Cteys>

*Kiss the Ground* (on Netflix) (AL)

*National Young Farmers Coalition*: <https://www.youngfarmers.org>

*Rafi USA Farmers of Color Network*: <https://www.rafiusa.org/farmersofcolornetwork/>

*The Abundant Table*: <https://theabundanttable.org>

#### **2. Climate**

*A Climate of Hope: Scientists and Faith Communities Addressing the Climate* – a discussion with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, and Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori (AL)

<https://sciencereigiondialogue.org/resources/a-climate-of-hope-scientists-and-faith-communities-addressing-the-climate-crisis/>

*Kiss the Ground* (on Netflix) (AL)

*Marin Carbon Project*: <https://www.marincarbonproject.org>

*Project Drawdown* – Each solution reduces greenhouse gases by avoiding emissions and/or by sequestering carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere.

<https://www.drawdown.org/solutions>

*UC Climate Lab*: <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/climate-lab>

## **B. St. Martin's Event Recordings**

*Julie Sze and Adelita Serena* – On September 23, 2020, UC Davis Professor Julie Sze spoke of injustices suffered among our society's most vulnerable, as described in her recent book *Environmental Justice in a Moment of Danger*. Adelita Serena from the non-governmental organization *Mothers Out Front* shared her real-life experiences working in the fields of Salinas and amplified Sze's message of motivating social change through storytelling, theatre, and song. (AL) <https://facebook.com/StMartinsDavis/videos/4334303119977350/>

*Jessica Chiartas* – On January 10, 2021, PhD Candidate at UC Davis in Soils & Biogeochemistry, spoke on "Soil, Health, and the Ecosystem: Why don't we get the link?" (AL)

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/mv5rVBDdbOD9izsEyeZyvZUxNmGUf2L7yxRHr2aEhJvgyAbK2FnKI8Tv6PIpxMAI0.K6yPdbtaEvf2jF4s>

## **C. Christian Formation**

### **1. Curricula for Children and Youth (JS)**

Abundant Life Garden Project (Episcopal Relief and Development)

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/christian-formation/christian-formation-for-children#Abundant>

Just Eating: Practicing Our Faith at the Table (Presbyterian Hunger Program)

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/practice-just-eating/>

Animal Crackers (Heifer Project)

<http://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/faith-communities/animal-crackers.html>

Summer Camp Curriculum (Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future)

[http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/BFF/tools\\_resources/curricula/summer\\_curriculum/index.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/BFF/tools_resources/curricula/summer_curriculum/index.html)

Sacred Food: Sunday School and Group Activities for Youth (Creation Justice Ministries)

<http://www.creationjustice.org/resources/#food>

### **2. Christian Formation Curricula for Adults (JS)**

Just Eating: Practicing Our Faith at the Table (Presbyterian Hunger Program)

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/practice-just-eating/>

At the Lord's Table: Everyday Thanksgiving (Creation Justice Ministries)

<http://www.creationjustice.org/resources/#food>

Simply in Season: Cookbooks and Adult Study Guide (Mennonite Central Committee)

<http://www.heraldpres.com/titles/simplyinseason/>

#### **D. Congregational Toolkits (JS)**

Repairing Eden: Sustainable Food Guide for Religious Institutions (Greenfaith)

<http://greenfaith.org/resource-center/stewardship/food-and-faith>

The Good Food Toolkit: A Food Justice and Sustainability Evaluation for Faith Communities (Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future)

[http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/BFF/audit\\_form/index.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/BFF/audit_form/index.html)

#### **E. Food and Faith Programs in the Episcopal Church (JS)**

Organic Prayer Project, Center for Religion and Environment, Sewanee University of the South

<http://www.sewanee.edu/cre/programs>

Procter Farm, Procter Camp and Conference Center, Diocese of Southern Ohio

<http://www.procter.diosohio.org/Procter%20Farm/about.html>

Good Earth Farm, Common Friars, Athens, Ohio

<http://commonfriars.wordpress.com/good-earth-farm/>

#### **F. Faith-Based Food Justice and Sustainability Organizations (JS)**

Episcopal Relief and Development: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) World Hunger: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Our-Work.aspx>

Faith in Place: <http://faithinplace.org/>

Life Around the Table: <https://lifearoundthetable.org>

National Catholic Rural Life Conference: <http://www.ncrlc.com/>

Presbyterian Hunger Program: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/>

Bread for the World: [www.bread.org/](http://www.bread.org/)

Heifer International: <http://www.heifer.org/>

#### **G. Community Supported Agriculture (JS)**

CSA Directory by Zipcode (LocalHarvest)

<http://www.localharvest.org/csa/>

#### **H. Farmer's Markets (JS)**

Farmer's Market Directory by Zipcode (LocalHarvest)

<http://www.localharvest.org/farmers-markets/>

City of Chicago Farmer's Markets

[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp\\_info/farmers\\_market.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/farmers_market.html)

Faith in Place Winter Farmer's Markets

<http://faithinplace.org/programs.php?ID=9>

#### **I. Community Gardening (JS)**

Neighbor Space: <http://neighbor-space.org/>

American Community Gardening Association: <http://www.communitygarden.org/>

## **J. Urban Agriculture (Chicago Area) (JS)**

Growing Home: <http://growinghomeinc.org/>

Growing Power: <http://www.growingpower.org/>

Resource Center City Farm: <http://www.cityfarmchicago.org/>

## **K. Sustainable Agriculture (JS)**

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition: <http://sustainableagriculture.net/>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program: <http://www.sare.org/>

## **L. Food Banks (JS)**

Greater Chicago Food Depository: <http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/>

Northern Illinois Food Bank: <http://solvehungertoday.org/>

Feeding America: <http://feedingamerica.org/>

## **M. Food and Farm Policy (JS)**

Illinois Stewardship Alliance: <http://www.ilstewards.org/>

Community Food Security Coalition: <http://foodsecurity.org/>

Food Research and Action Center: <http://frac.org/>

## **N. Food and Public Health Policy (JS)**

Healthy Schools Campaign: <http://www.healthyschoolscampaign.org/>

## **O. Additional Resources (JS)**

For more extensive lists of books, films, and other resources, please see the Baltimore Food and Faith Project website of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future:

[http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/BFF/tools\\_resources/](http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/BFF/tools_resources/)

For additional resources on religious education curricula, congregational toolkits, and related organizations and programs, please feel free to contact Jim Schaal at

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