



Circle of Southern New Jersey

Interfaith Partners in Action for the Earth

Monthly meetings held at

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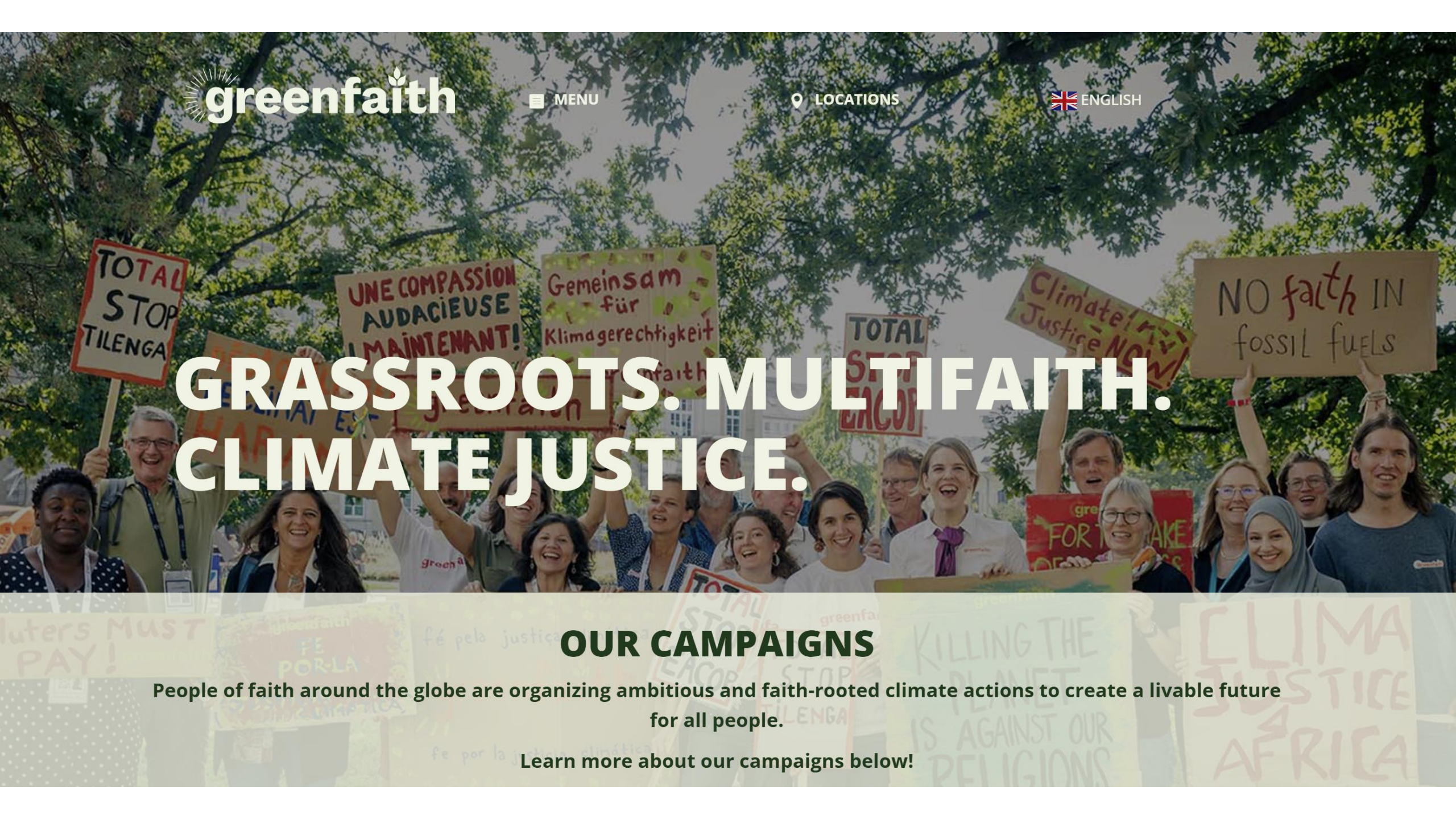
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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Marlton, New Jersey

A large group of diverse people, including men and women of various ages and ethnicities, are smiling and holding up handmade protest signs. The signs are in various languages, including English, French, and German. Some visible signs include "TOTAL STOP TIL ENGA", "UNE COMPASSION AUDACIEUSE MAINTENANT!", "Gemeinsam für Klimagerechtigkeit", "Climate Justice NOW!", and "NO faith IN fossil fuels". The background shows green trees and a clear sky.

GRASSROOTS. MULTIFAITH. CLIMATE JUSTICE.

OUR CAMPAIGNS

People of faith around the globe are organizing ambitious and faith-rooted climate actions to create a livable future for all people.

Learn more about our campaigns below!

SUN DAY

SHINE A LIGHT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

GreenFaith partnered with Fossil Free Media, Third Act, and many other partner organizations for **Sun Day**, a nation-wide event **(September 19-22)** to increase political and cultural support for clean energy and climate solutions.

GreenFaith aimed to bring its unique faith perspective to this world-wide education and celebration.

February 2023 “Introducing Family Promise” Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

GreenFaith Circle of Southern New Jersey February Meeting

Join us at Prince of Peace Church on Sunday, Feb.19th at 3:30 PM for our next meeting of the GreenFaith Circle of Southern NJ! (61 Route 70 East, Marlton, NJ 08053)



Our guest speaker will be Scott Rush, Executive Director of Family Promise of Burlington County (FPBC). Scott is a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Marlton and is a founding member of our GreenFaith Circle.

Scott is currently a Master of Divinity student at United Lutheran Seminary. He anticipates graduating in May 2023, when he will join the ranks of bivocational pastors serving both a congregation and FPBC.

Scott will introduce us to Family Promise, a national organization in operation for over 30 years, dedicated to transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness. 2.5 million children in the U.S. will experience homelessness this year. and Family Promise gives children and families in crisis safe shelter, meals, assistance and the chance for a brighter future by mobilizing existing community resources, county social services and volunteers from local faith communities.

A tour of the new, expanded Prince of Peace Community Food Pantry, open to anyone in need, will be led by Kim Syvertsen, the Pantry Director. Please bring an item or items to donate to the Food Pantry.

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly. You can connect via email at gfcircleSJ@gmail.com or leave a message for Marty at 856-266-7331.



Workshop (via Zoom) on Sunday, March 19th at 3:30 PM

March 2023 “Aligning Your Money with Your Values” (On Zoom)



Presenter Michael Richardson is co-founder of Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith Circle based in the mid and upper Hudson Valley of New York State. He is a life-long activist from war-resistance and social justice movements beginning in the 1970's to today as a planner and organizer of climate and environmental actions.

Michael is also an advocate for regenerative agriculture. In 2012, he co-founded and directed an agroecology training and demonstration center in Nicaragua for small-scale growers. From a varied cache of experiences – including organic farmer, solar installer, labor economist, county legislator, and Buddhist practitioner – Michael is committed to bringing attention to the moral imperative to stop funding climate degradation.

#1 Personal Banking: Learn about local banking options that use your deposits to fund local ventures and not for fossil fuel projects.

#2 Credit Cards: Learn how to find a truly “green” credit card that supports transitioning to renewable energy sources.

#3 Home & Auto Insurance: Learn how to find insurance companies that do not insure or invest in fossil fuel projects.

#4 Retirement Investments: Learn about the funds you are investing in and the alternatives – and how to find an environmentally conscious financial advisor.

April 2023

“Stopping the LNG Export Terminal”

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



GreenFaith Circle of Southern New Jersey

Meeting on April 16, 2023, 3:30 - 5 PM
Prince of Peace Church, 61 E. Rt 70 in Marlton, NJ
(Enter from rear parking lot)



Our guest speaker for our April 16th GreenFaith Circle Meeting is Noa Gordon-Guterman of Food and Water Watch. Noa is leading the New Jersey effort to oppose the Liquid Natural Gas Export Terminal planned for Gibbstown. She will provide an update on recent events around the LNG export terminal and how we can support this important initiative.

Given two recent environmental “accidents”, the train derailment in Ohio and the chemical spill in Pennsylvania, we believe raising our voices to protect the environment is becoming more urgent. The LNG trains and trucks planned to supply LNG to the Gibbstown facility will travel through our area. An accident could potentially cause vastly more damage than the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio a few weeks ago.

Time permitting, we look forward to hearing from our various committees. Also, if your community is planning an Earth Day event for the weekend of April 22-23, please let us know so we can share that information at our meeting.

We look forward to having you join us for this event. Please email gfcirclesj@gmail.com to register for this event. Please also bring an item to donate to the Prince of Peace Food Pantry, our way of paying it forward for their generosity in hosting our monthly meetings.

May 2023
Plastics Group
Presentation:
“Replacing Single
Use Plastic”
Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church

GreenFaith Circle of Southern New Jersey

Meeting on May 21, 2023, 3:30- 5 PM

Prince of Peace Church at 61 E. Rt 70 in Marlton, NJ

(Please use the rear entrance)



Are you sick and tired of seeing pictures like this? What can you do to make a difference? Come and learn some useful ways to reduce your dependence on plastic.

Join us on Sunday, May 21st, when our own Plastics Group led by Ileen Wright will share their “show and tell” about products you can use to reduce the use of plastic in your life and its impact on our environment.

Their presentation on “Replacing Single Use Plastic” has been offered many times over the past 2 years; it is updated as new products and new information becomes available.

In addition, the Plastics Work Group has participated in Actions to support the NJ Single Use Plastics Bill, including contacting our NJ Legislative Representatives in 2020 to vote “yes” in support of it to end the use of single use plastic bags and plastic straws.

Our meeting will also provide an opportunity to hear from you or your congregation about relevant activities and we’ll provide information about upcoming summer events, including our participation at the Burlington County Earth Fair on Sunday, June 25th.

We look forward to having you join us for these events. Please bring an item to donate to the Prince of Peace Food Pantry, if possible, for our May 21st meeting. Thank you.

May 2023

“Stop the LNG Project” March on the Delaware River, Gloucester City



June 2024

Our GreenFaith Circle booths at the Burlington County Earth Fair in Smithville



July 2023 Potluck Picnic & “Butterfly Gardens and Native Plants” Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



GreenFaith Circle of Southern New Jersey

Meeting and Pot Luck Picnic on July 16, 2023, 3:30 - 5 PM

Prince of Peace Church, 61 E. Rt 70 in Marlton, NJ

(This event will be held outdoors, weather permitting.)

Please park in the rear parking lot)



A monarch butterfly. Monarchs are losing habitat along their migration routes.

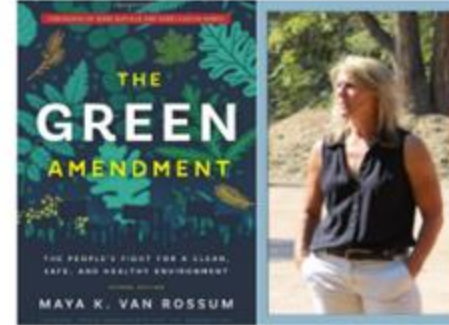
The butterfly is a symbol of spiritual transformation. Butterfly Gardens are a place of contemplation and comfort.

Our guest speakers for our July 16th GreenFaith Circle Meeting will be Bobbie Miles and Mike Jacob. After the death of her husband, Bobbie was inspired to create a project to bring Butterfly Gardens to cemeteries. An article she wrote was published in the ICCFA Magazine (International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association).

Bobbie is now looking to bring this spiritually inspired concept to houses of worship. She will describe how to create a small garden at your place of worship or cemetery, how to find native plants and how we can support this beautiful vision.

Mike Jacob is Co-leader of the Southwest Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey. He will offer suggestions about appropriate plant options for building a butterfly garden in our area.

Our meeting will provide time for fellowship and sharing of food and ideas. Please bring a dish to share (no single use plastic please, if possible!) and friends to introduce to our GreenFaith community.



September 2023 “The New Jersey Green Amendment” Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Come Learn About the New Jersey Green Amendment
with Maya van Rossum, Delaware Riverkeeper
on Sunday, Sept. 10th at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Marlton, NJ**

Contact us at gfcirclesj@gmail.com

Did you know that most Americans, including here in New Jersey, do not have a constitutional right to clean air and clean water? We are close to having our NJ state legislature approve a ballot initiative giving our citizens the opportunity to vote for our constitutional right to environmental protection.

Maya van Rossum is the founder of *Green Amendments For the Generations*, a grassroots non-profit organization inspiring a nationwide movement to secure constitutional recognition and protection of environmental rights in every state and ultimately at the federal level. Maya van Rossum is also the Delaware Riverkeeper, leading the Delaware Riverkeeper Network for over 30 years to protect the health of the Delaware River and its tributaries. She is author of *The Green Amendment: the People's Fight for a Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment*. Since launching *Green Amendments For The Generations*, state level constitutional amendments have been proposed in 15 states, with New York formally passing a Green Amendment in 2021.

We are thrilled that Maya will share the nation-wide impact of these initiatives with our GreenFaith Circle, including updates on successful legal challenges in Montana and Pennsylvania, and what we can do to support passage of a NJ State Constitutional Amendment. We will also have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of her new book to support the important work of *For the Generations*. For more information click here:

<https://njgreenamendment.org/>

Maya Van Rossum and our GreenFaith Circle at our September meeting





September 17, 2023
“March to End Fossil Fuels”
New York City











October 2023

**"Rebates, Credits,
and Savings - Oh My!
How to Be Comfortable
and a Climate Hero, Too -
with the new Inflation
Reduction Act"**

**Presented by Marty Levin
& Ila Vassallo**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



November 2023
**“Annual Thanksgiving
Packing Event”**
**Farmers Against Hunger,
Delran**

Join us for the



*New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger
Annual Thanksgiving Packing Event*



Every year, Farmers Against Hunger volunteers come together to pack upwards of 3,000 bags of mixed fall produce for a special Thanksgiving distribution.

The bags are delivered to families in need across NJ just in time for the holiday.



*Friday, November 10th
5:30 to 8 pm*

Join us for a pizza party afterwards!

*Land Stewardship Center at Laurel Run Park
173 Creek Road, Delran NJ 08075*

December 2023

“Holiday Party and Food Pantry Service Project”

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry



GreenFaith Holiday Party and Service Project
at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 10th at 3 PM



You're invited to our GreenFaith Circle Holiday Gathering and Service Project to support the Food Pantry at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, at 61 Rt. 70 East, in Marlton, on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 3 PM.

The Pantry serves individuals and families in our area who need assistance.

At this time, the Prince of Peace Food Pantry needs cleaning products and packaged toilet paper. We're requesting that you reach out to your spiritual community, friends, and neighbors to support the Pantry. We'll take the products that we've gathered and stock the pantry shelves.

For our gathering, please bring a dish, beverage, or dessert to share. If you have a holiday story, poem or song you'd like to share, please let us know.

Please RSVP to gfcircles@gmail.com. We look forward to being with you on Dec. 10th.

Current Project/Interest Teams Activity

- **Plastics Project**
 - **Launched Plastics YouTube video on private YouTube channel (awaiting approval)**
- **Environmental Justice (and Democracy)**
- **Agriculture and Food Waste and Insecurity**
- **Outreach (new communities)**
- **Community Communications (existing GFCSNJ Communities)**
- **Social Media**
- **NJ Green Amendment**
- **Coordination with GreenFaith NJ and USA**



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**Our Upcoming Circle meetings:
Sundays at 3 PM on Oct. 19th and Nov. 16th**

Our FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenFaithCircleSouthernNJ>