Praying for Standing Rock at the United Methodist Building in DC
Creation Justice Ministries educates, equips and mobilizes Christian communions/denominations, congregations and individuals to protect, restore, and rightly share God's Creation. Based on the priorities of its members, with a particular concern for the vulnerable and marginalized, Creation Justice Ministries provides collaborative opportunities to build ecumenical community, guides people of faith and faith communities towards eco-justice transformations, and raises a collective witness in the public arena echoing Christ's call for just relationships among all of Creation.

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Dear Creation Justice community,

2016 was a year for building. We built up our board with the addition of eight new member communion representatives. We built relationships with many new donors -- individuals, partners, and foundations. Through these relationships, we exceeded all our 2016 fund-raising goals!

Together, we built strong programs on the firm foundation of our mission: to educate, equip, and mobilize Christian communities to protect, restore, and rightly share God’s creation. We made special progress on our 2016 theme: Care for God’s Creatures.

*We could only do it with your help, and we’re grateful!*

Thanks for building with us,
Shantha Ready Alonso
Executive Director, Creation Justice Ministries
Dear Creation Justice community,

I have served on the Board of Creation Justice Ministries since 2011, and was grateful to be part of the thoughtful discernment time as CJM was born from its first identity as the National Council of Churches’ (NCC) Eco-Justice Working Group. I had been part of that Working Group from 2000-2004, and throughout the last 17 years have attended a variety of national NCC Eco-Justice conferences and gatherings. In both the early 2000s and now, I find it powerful, inspiring, refreshing, and necessary to come together as Christian communions to together work for God’s creation.

Together, and with you, we seek to protect, restore and rightly share God’s creation and to walk alongside the vulnerable and marginalized. We are strong when we stand together in this meaningful ministry. Thank you for standing with us and continuing to be part of this work.

Thanks for building with us,
Rev. Rebecca Barnes
President of the Board, Creation Justice Ministries
Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program
Each year, Creation Justice Ministries focuses on a different theme. 2016 was the year to focus on creature-care. To do this, we:

◆ Created a **Christian education** resource

◆ Joined in organizing a series of “**Faith and Science Dialogues on Endangered Species**” at zoos and wildlife sanctuaries.

◆ Partnered to **equip churches with toolkits to create wildlife habitats**.

◆ Equipped Christian leaders to advocate with their members of Congress to uphold the **Endangered Species Act**.

Over 2,000 people downloaded our 2016 Christian education resource, which includes tools to reflect, preach, and pray about issues such as biodiversity, ecosystems, and endangered species.

*An endangered bat attended our 2015 animal blessing on Capitol Hill*
RESPONSIBLE ENERGY STEWARDSHIP

In 2016, we equipped, educated, and mobilized Christian communities to voice support for responsible energy stewardship policies, including as the Clean Power Plan, methane regulations, and the federal coal review.

- We testified at stakeholder meetings in three states and in DC.
- We met with policy makers in Congress and the Administration.
- We collected public comments & signed letters.
- We held a press conference in Ohio.
- We wrote opinion editorials.

(above) Creation Justice Ministries ran an ad during the Western Governors Association Meeting in Wyoming.
(to the right) Representatives from the United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalist Association, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met with Senator Brown (OH) staff
“What a unique and important perspective not yet covered – a moral one,” commented an Environmental Protection Agency official after Creation Justice Ministries representatives testified. At an EPA public hearing on the Regional Haze Rule, dozens shared about air quality, health, and even scenic views. In our testimonies, we connected the dots between air quality, public health, and our Christian call to love of neighbor. We also highlighted the belief of many people in the US: that we are stewards of God’s creation with moral responsibility to safeguard it for future generations.
Creation Justice Ministries helped our member communions connect to Congress and the Administration while responding to the Flint Water Crisis.

We also helped Christian communities stand with Indigenous peoples to protect their spiritual, cultural, historical, and natural heritage by following tribal leadership at:

- Standing Rock
- Bears Ears National Monument
- The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- The Grand Canyon National Heritage Area
CONSERVATION

On the occasion of the 100 year anniversary of the National Park Service, Creation Justice Ministries played a central role in forming and advancing the agenda of the Next 100 Coalition for diversity on public lands. Together with coalition partners such as the Hispanic Federation and the Urban league, we played an instrumental role in:

◆ Securing a [Presidential Memorandum](#) on Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in our Public Lands and Waters

◆ Designation of national monuments that conserve and spotlight the cultural and spiritual histories of traditionally marginalized communities, including Bears Ears National Monument in Utah which honors tribes, the Birmingham Civil Rights Monument in Alabama which includes churches, the Reconstruction Era National Monument in South Carolina, and the Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality National Monument in DC which highlights the women’s suffrage movement.

In addition to our work on cultural diversity, we also helped conserve biodiversity by playing important supporting roles in the establishment of:

✔ Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument

✔ Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument expansion in Oregon
This March 15, 2016 headline from the Warwick Beacon tells of an event we co-sponsored with the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, and testifies to the importance of de-politicizing care for God’s creation.

Faith communities gather in Providence, Rhode Island for a Blessing of the Waters led by a Greek Orthodox priest, and a teach-in about the Canyons and Seamounts National Monument proposal.
## 2016 Financials

### Revenue

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*In 2016, 38% of our funding came from faith-based sources.*

Each year, the Creation Justice community is helping us grow our faith-based funding sources. The more you invest, the better we can prioritize your ministry needs.
## Program Spending

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### Program Expense

- **Creatures**: 13%
- **Conservation**: 58%
- **Energy**: 15%
- **Climate**: 9%
- **Admin/Overhead**: 5%
Creation Justice Ministries uses a conciliar model of leadership. Each member communion/denomination can appoint up to two people to serve on the board. We treasure our ecumenical identity, our theological diversity, and our shared mission for creation justice.

**African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church**
The Rt. Rev. Staccato Powell
Bishop, Western Episcopal District

**Alliance of Baptists**
Rev. Sarah Macias (left)
Rev. Dr. Genny Rowley (right)
Co-chairs, Eco-Justice Alliance Community

**American Baptist Churches USA**
Rev. Dr. Ian Mevorach
Co-Coordinator, American Baptist Creation Justice Network

**Armenian Orthodox Archdiocese**
Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Archpriest
Representative to Creation Justice Ministries

**Christian Church, Disciples of Christ**
Rev. Carol Devine, Minister for Green Chalice & Secretary to the Board (left)
Rev. Dr. Ken Brooker Langston (right)
Director, Disciples Center for Public Witness & Fundraising Committee Chair
Board of Directors, continued

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Greg King
Social Justice Minister, 7th Episcopal District

Church of the Brethren
Mr. Nathan Hosler
Director, Office of Public Witness

Ecumenical Catholic Communion
The Rt. Rev. Francis Krebs, Presiding Bishop (left)
Jennifer Reyes Lay, Administrator (right)

Episcopal Church
Ms. Jayce Hafner, Domestic Policy Analyst
Board Treasurer, Fundraising Committee

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Ms. Ruth Ivory-Moore
Program Director, Environmental Policy

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Mr. Nicholas Anton
Coordinator of UN Programs, Special Assistant, Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical, and Interfaith Relations
Board of Directors, continued

Mennonite Central Committee
Ms. Tammy Alexander, Senior Legislative Associate for Domestic Affairs

National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International
Rev. Brian K. Brown, Social Justice Minister

Orthodox Church in America
Deacon Sergei Kapral Protodeacon; Ecumenical Representative

Presbyterian Church (USA)
Rev. Rebecca Barnes, Coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program; President of the Board; Fundraising Committee Member

Progressive National Baptist Convention
Rev. Thomas Bowen, Earl L. Harrison Minister for Social Justice
Board of Directors, continued

United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt
Environmental Justice Minister, Justice and Witness Ministries

United Methodist Church
Mr. John Hill
Assistant General Secretary for Advocacy and Grassroots Organizing, General Board of Church and Society

Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore Ministries
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Founder, Global Alliance Interfaith Network
Bishop, Global United Fellowship
Meet Our 2016 Grassroots Peer Fundraising Team

In 2015, Creation Justice Ministries had 25 individual donors. In 2016, we benefited from the generosity of 146 individual donors. Wow!

Meet the team that was instrumental in this success. You might have received a friendly note, phone call or visit from one of them!

Rev. Dr. Ian Mevorach
Board Member
Peer Fundraiser
Natick, MA

Mr. Clando Brownlee
Peer Fundraiser
El Cajon, CA

Ms. Eva Moss
Peer Fundraiser
Staley, NC

Ms. Akisha Townsend Eaton
Peer Fundraiser
Bowling Green, KY

Deacon Sergei Kapral
Board Member
Peer Fundraiser
Plains, PA

Mr. Paul Brinkman
Peer Fundraiser
Wautoma, WI

Peer fund-raising is a great way of keeping the Creation Justice community connected to each other. Together, we build meaning and relationships around our gifts to support the ministry.

If you would like to be part of the grassroots fund-raising team in 2017, email info@creationjustice.org with “Grassroots Fundraising Team” in the subject line. The commitment is six weeks from November-December.
THANK YOU
to our 2016 donors who made our ministry possible!

2016 Creation Justice Board service project

Gifts of $1,000+
Rodney & Sarah Macias
Krehl Stringer
Timothy & Elizabeth Ready

Sustaining Monthly Donors
Leslye Colvin
Blanca Hall
Betty Hays
Tamara Kahrimanis
Ian Mevorach

Robert Abarno
Deborah Adams
Tamara Alexander
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Carol Appleby
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Carroll Baltimore
Rebecca Barnes
Rachel Beam
Christopher Bender
Diane Beres
Charles Berry
Marilyn & Dennis Bettenhausen
Robin Blakeman
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Priscilla Braak
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CALLS TO ACTION

There are many ways you can get more involved in supporting Creation Justice Ministries!

◆ **Tell us** how you want to contribute by sharing information about your interests and preferences.

◆ **Sign up** for our e-newsletter

◆ Follow us on social media

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◆ Download Christian education resources at [www.creationjustice.org/educational-resources](http://www.creationjustice.org/educational-resources)

*The time is now to educate, equip, and mobilize Christian communities to protect, restore, and rightly share God’s creation. Let’s do creation justice together.*
Got questions about this report?

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