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*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.*

[www.creationjustice.org](http://www.creationjustice.org)
Dear Creation Justice community,

2017 was an unprecedented year of challenges for God’s creation. In one short year, we have seen our federal government take swift action to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement, rolled back life-saving standards for clean air and clean water, jeopardized threatened and endangered species, initiated process to sell off or diminish protections for our public lands and waters, and showed heartbreaking disrespect for tribal leaders and their ancestral sacred lands.

Yet, it was also a year that gave me incredible hope. Thousands of creation justice community members marched in the streets, contacted policy-makers, engaged in creation justice education, increased community organizing, and made donations to our organization as well as local initiatives. I have never felt more connected to the creation justice community in particular, nor the faith-and-environment movement as a whole.

Together, we will protect, restore, and more rightly share God’s creation.

In hope,
Shantha Ready Alonso
Executive Director, Creation Justice Ministries
Dear Creation Justice community,
As people of faith, our call has always been to be engaged in God’s world with faithfulness, to serve and preserve God’s bountiful, beautiful creation. We remain committed and faithful to the vision of a healed and healing world for all people and all creation, even as we know that many policies we cared about were eroded in 2017.

The deep grace of being communities of faith, gathered together in caring for creation, is that God’s work is bigger than each one of us and that we trust God is actively engaged in this world. We also had much evidence of hope and strength and healing, as we engaged many campaigns and issues with hearts full of gratitude and love, grateful for each victory however small. We look forward in hope, celebrate what we are able, stand arm in arm with sisters and brothers across the nation, and declare with our presence that we will not be silent when the creation groans in eager anticipation for God’s redemption.

We continue to run this race with perseverance, giving thanks for the clouds of witnesses from the past and the present, and putting our efforts into ongoing hard, faithful work of serving and preserving God’s creation.

In God’s Strength,
Rev. Rebecca Barnes
President of the Board, Creation Justice Ministries
Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program
Each year, Creation Justice Ministries focuses on a different theme chosen by our board. 2017 was the year to focus on Environmental Justice with Indigenous peoples. To do this, we:

◆ Created a **Christian education** resource

◆ Helped hundreds of faith community members participated in prayer events co-led by Creation Justice Ministries surrounding the Native Nations’ March on Washington, which was led by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

◆ Equipped advocates to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and Bears Ears National Monument.

◆ Engaged 100+ communities in prayer during Native American Heritage Month
In Spring 2017, the National Council of Churches and Creation Justice Ministries had joint board meetings in Norfolk, VA where we learned about the impacts of sea level rise on local congregations.

Ninety religious leaders gathered for a “State of Appalachia” conference at Pipestem Resort State Park in West Virginia in March 2017.

As part of a revival of religious community organizing in the Appalachia region, Creation Justice Ministries is supporting conversation and innovation surrounding the theme of just transition away from fossil fuel economies.
In the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Maria, raging wildfires that destroyed all in their path, and floods, leaders of Historically Black churches called on Congress with urgency to protect recent progress for climate action. They spent a day on Capitol Hill and delivered thousands of advocacy postcards collected among their denominations. They also met leaders of the Environmental Justice Task Force of the US House of Representatives.

“The time is now to act on climate!”

Pictured: Simon Menso (Creation Justice intern), Cassandra Carmichael (National Religious Partnership for the Environment), Bishop James Walker (Christian Methodist Episcopal Church), Congressman Don McEachin, Bishop Staccato Powell (African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church), Congresswoman Nannette Barragan, Rev. Thomas Bowen (Progressive National Baptist Convention), Bishop Carroll Baltimore (Vice President of Creation Justice Ministries), Shantha Ready Alonso (Creation Justice Ministries)
RESPONSIBLE ENERGY STEWARDSHIP

In 2017, we equipped, educated, and mobilized Christian communities to voice support for responsible energy stewardship policies, including as the Clean Power Plan and methane regulations.

- We testified at stakeholder meetings in West Virginia and in DC.
- We met with policy makers in Congress and the Administration.
- We collected public comments & signed letters.
- We wrote opinion editorials.

Above - with Senator Jeff Flake from Arizona and a constituent from the Arizona Faith Network.

Below - With Senator Tim Scott from South Carolina and a constituent from the South Carolina Christian Action Council.

Chloe Soliday, Creation Justice Fellow, testifying in front of the EPA against the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan.
“Working at Creation Justice Ministries restored my faith.”

- Creation Justice Ministries Fall 2017 intern Alicia Aguayo on witnessing so many people of faith taking action

Above – People of faith on Capitol Hill caution Congress about dangerous offshore drilling.

Right - Christians take to the streets in the “Keepers of Faith” contingent of the People’s Climate March

At a creative and moving prayer service co-hosted by Creation Justice Ministries at Church of the Resurrection before the 2018 Peoples’ Climate March.

*Pictured: Rev. Sandy Sorensen, Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ*

Photo credit: Creation Justice Ministries
In 2017, the United States sustained the most significant loss of protections for public lands and waters in our country’s history.

From Standing Rock to Bears Ears to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the Creation Justice community tireless bore witness to our sacred duty to defend God’s creation and the peoples who depend on public lands and waters for spiritual, cultural, and physical sustenance.

Following a dialogue between Gwich’in and historically Black Church leaders, advocates for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge visited Senator Graham’s office in Columbia, SC.

In partnership with New Mexico Wildlife Federation, religious and tribal leaders made a spiritual journey to Bears Ears National Monument in November 2017. Photo credit: Rev. Andrew Black, New Mexico Wildlife Federation.
SAFE WATER & TOXICS

Creation Justice Ministries cohosted three events in 2017 to develop more prayerful relationships with local watersheds, as well as the environmental health hazards in their backyards. In 2017, Creation Justice Ministries equipped communities to:

Host more than a dozen water-focused prayer services in five states, collectively reaching more than three thousand people

Visit toxic Superfund sites in: Bridgeton, MO; Dayton, OH; & King of Prussia, PA

Sister Jeanne Derer, FSM, points out the WestLake Landfill site.

The Creation Justice community gathered in King of Prussia Pennsylvania to pray over three toxic EPA Superfund sites.
## 2017 FINANCIALS

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

In 2017, 15% of our funding came from faith-based sources.
# Program Spending Estimates

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### Pie Chart Summary

- **Just Transition**: 21%
- **Indigenous Rights**: 6%
- **Energy**: 15%
- **Endangered Species**: 5%
- **Conservation/Parks/Wilderness**: 20%
- **Water/Toxics**: 7%
- **Marine Conservation**: 21%
- **Movement Building**: 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.

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

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Dr. Betty Holley
Elder, Third Episcopal District

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

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
Board of Directors, continued

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

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

Episcopal Church
Rev. Melanie Mullen, Director of Reconciliation, Justice, and Creation Care (left)
Jack Cobb, Domestic Policy Analyst (right)

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

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Greg King
Social Justice Minister, 7th Episcopal District Treasurer of the Board
Board of Directors, continued

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

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 Vice President of the Board

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

**Progressive National Baptist Convention**
Rev. Thomas Bowen, Earl L. Harrison Minister for Social Justice

**Reformed Church in America**
Dr. Monica Schapp-Pierce, Ecumenical Associate

**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**
Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore
Founder, Global Alliance Interfaith Network
Bishop, Global United Fellowship
Meet Our 2017 Volunteers

In addition to our active, working advisory board, Creation Justice Ministries has benefitted from the work of a powerful team of volunteers and interns.

Akisha Townsend Eaton
Peer Fundraiser
Bowling Green, KY

Eva Moss
Peer Fundraiser
Staley, NC

Dee Manatowa
Environmental Justice Intern from Northeast University
Sac and Fox Nation, OK

Simon Townsend
Eaton
Peer Fundraiser
Bowling Green, KY

Alicia Aguayo
University of California – Irvine
Intern from San Bernardino, CA

Andrea Folds
Content Contribution Volunteer from Vermont Law School

Jasna Nicholas
United Methodist Board of Church & Society Young Adult Intern from the Philippines

Megan Wiens,
Brethren Volunteer Service, from McPherson, KS

Chloe Soliday,
Brethren Volunteer Service, Fellow from Carlisle, PA

Volunteering 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 volunteer, email info@creationjustice.org.
THANK YOU

to our 2017 donors!

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The Rev. Cn. Diana Johnson
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Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt
Rev. Larry Jackson
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Harrison Drew Koali’i Krauss
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Dr. Edward Spevak
Rev. Dwight Wagenius
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Sherri Coleman
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Rev. John Schleicher
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Sarah King
Bishop Staccato Powell
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Rev. Diane Farah
Rev. Peter Sawtell
Timothy & Elizabeth Ready
Dr. Kenneth Guest
Fr. Christopher Bender
Steven Doran
Rick & Leigh Joye
Rev. Sarah Macias
Amy Seymour
Kay Mullen
Frances Ferrari
Samuel Smith
Ms. Linda Gibas

Native Nations March
Jordan & Rev. Robyn Bles
Scott Wright
Dr. Beth Wilmot
Jennifer Hosler
Dr. Kathryn Aschliman
Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Mary Ann Gregory
Pastor Jeff Conlon
Anne Shumway
Jorge Aros
Judy Goebel
Pastor Denise Arpino
Teresa Wise
Jonathan Stauffer
Hon. Patrice Schexnayder
Nancy Leckerling
Diana Malcom
Marilyn Bettenhausen
Janet Dorman
Maggie McGuire
Lisa Joan Reardon
Mary Westervelt
Rev. Robert Hall
Mary Kvamme

People’s Climate March
Rev. Dianna Johnson
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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: @CreationJustice

◆ 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.*

We seek to continue to grow our faith-based funding sources. Can you help? Go to [www.creationjustice.org/donate](http://www.creationjustice.org/donate) to contribute to our mission.
Got questions about this report?

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