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Karyn Bigelow is a Co-Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries. She has served as the policy advisor and project manager as well policy analyst and research analyst at Bread for the World, focusing on the intersections of climate change, food security and racial equity. She is a steering committee member of the American Baptist Churches' Creation Justice Network. Karyn is appointed and confirmed to the DC Food Policy Council under Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration. She earned her Master in Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where she sat on the Board of Directors, and her undergraduate degree in social relations and policy from Michigan State University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Global Food Security and Nutrition focusing her studies and research on sustainability. She has published numerous articles on topics, such as environmental racism and climate change. Karyn is a trained beekeeper.

SAMPLE SPEAKING TOPICS

AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Agriculture and food are core ways that we engage our faith in our daily practices. Yet, our food system is having a negative impact on our planet through climate change and in return climate change is having a negative impact on our food system. As Christians, how should we respond? What are we called to do?

WOMEN AND CLIMATE IN THE UNITED STATES

- Globally, it is recognized the harm that women experience as a result of climate-induced natural disasters and increased temperatures. However, little attention has been given to how climate-induced shocks have an impact on women in the United States.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Environmental Justice seeks to comprehensively address environmental and health inequities that under-resourced communities face on a daily basis. This often has a negative impact on low-income and/or BIPOC communities in urban and rural areas. I can discuss the ways in which communities experience environmental justice and how churches and communities of faith can respond through advocacy.


EXTREME HEAT AND HOW CHURCHES CAN RESPOND

- As climate change worsens, communities across the U.S. continue to experience extreme heat. Experiencing such high temperatures can be dangerous to human health. BIPOC communities experience extreme heat-related illnesses at the worst rates. I can give a talk on this issue and how churches can respond in their local communities, as well as call for systemic changes.



Please feel free to reach out for any questions.

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