

SEASON OF CREATION

A series of events in honor of Earth

The **SEASON OF CREATION** is an international movement which begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. All are invited to attend the 2018 series of free presentations on this year's theme:



WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH OUR SACRED CREATION

SEPTEMBER 11 **The Seventh Generation: An Indigenous Perspective on Creation Care**

7:00 PM

Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans

PLYMOUTH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, WAVELAND HALL
4126 INGERSOLL AVENUE, DES MOINES

SEPTEMBER 18 **Spiritual Dimensions of Agriculture**

7:00 PM

Dr. Fred Kirschenmann

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
1240 66TH STREET, DES MOINES

SEPTEMBER 25 **Climate Change Demands that the Dream of a World of Abundance Becomes a Reality**

7:00 PM

Matt Russell

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3663 66TH STREET, URBANDALE

OCTOBER 2 **Finding Hope in this Time of Environmental Crisis**

7:00 PM

Bishop Laurie Haller, Iowa United Methodist Conference

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2900 49TH STREET, DES MOINES



This is the third year faith communities across the Des Moines Metro Area have participated in the **SEASON OF CREATION**, sponsored by the Interfaith Green Coalition (facebook.com/interfaithgreencoalition/) and Iowa Interfaith Power & Light (iowaip.org/).

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The **SEASON OF CREATION** is an international movement that encourages people of faith to consider our creation, to give thanks for its gifts, and take action to protect it. From mountain villages in Peru to bustling downtown streets in the Philippines and the United States, people of faith unite to celebrate, pray, and act for our common home.

OUR PRESENTERS

The Seventh Generation: An Indigenous Perspective on Creation Care

Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans

Nikira Hernandez-Evans is a queer, mixed-race minister, activist, and healer. She draws on her Native Paiute ancestry, her studies in Environmental Justice, and United Church of Christ traditions to inform her preaching and teaching. Nikira is currently serving as Associate Minister at Plymouth UCC.

Spiritual Dimensions of Agriculture

Dr. Fred Kirschenmann

Fred Kirschenmann is Distinguished Fellow at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University and a professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy. Fred is widely recognized as an eloquent advocate for sustainable agriculture, soil health, and organic farming. He continues to manage his family's 1,800-acre certified-organic farm in south-central North Dakota.

Climate Change Demands that the Dream of a World of Abundance Becomes a Reality

Matt Russell

Matt Russell is the Executive Director of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light. He is a fifth generation Iowa farmer and an outspoken advocate for finding solutions to climate change. In his role at Iowa IPL, he combines an early career in ministry with a more recent career in sustainable agriculture.

Finding Hope in this Time of Environmental Crisis

Bishop Laurie Haller, Iowa United Methodist Conference

Laurie Haller is the Resident Bishop of the Iowa Area of The United Methodist Church. She was serving as senior pastor of First UMC in Birmingham in the Detroit Annual Conference when she was elected to the Episcopacy during the 2016 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Haller is the author of the book, *Recess; Rediscovering Play and Purpose* (2015).



2018 SEASON OF CREATION Series, September 1—October 4, DES MOINES

Expect intriguing and challenging discussions of our shared role as stewards of God's creation. Join us for inspiration and spiritual grounding as we address the urgent need for solutions to the crises facing our common home.