

The Alabama Faith Council 2nd Annual Public Forum
Miles College, February 16, 2009

Selected Resources for “Earth Care: Tending God’s Garden”

Primary resource: **Alabama Faith Council** Website: <http://www.alfaithcouncil.org/>
Click on “AFC Issue Statements,” then on “AFC Statement on Environmental Stewardship.” Please read through the entire Statement, including the Footnotes and the Action Items (also printed on the back of this page). Online Action Items have web links for your convenience. Also refer to the *Alabama_Faith_Council_Study-Action Guide* and Footnotes. You will find an **abundance of resources for your faith community**. Please contact AFC Work Group Chair Judy Cullinan for further information: judyryva@aol.com.

The **Alabama Environmental Council** works for a healthy environment with an emphasis on clean air, efficient and renewable energy, and improved waste reduction practices. For recycling information for all of Alabama, see <http://www.aeonline.org/>

Contact Michael Churchman michael@aeonline.org for more information about a **slide show** on climate change related to water conservation, efficiency and reuse. Michael’s presentation has a faith-based focus.

The **Cahaba River Society** speaker’s program and river field trip educational program (CLEAN) are actively reaching out to faith communities and congregations in the Cahaba watershed and in the area served by the Birmingham Water Board. Executive Director Beth Stewart is available for faith community presentations. For CRS faith-based initiatives, see <http://www.cahabariversociety.org/faith1.php>

For more information on **water monitoring**, contact our speaker, **Dr. Bill Deutsch**: Alabama Water Watch <http://www.aces.edu/dept/fisheries/aww/aww/index.php> and Global Water Watch <http://www.globalwaterwatch.org/>

The Homewood **Forest Preserve** on South Lakeshore Drive near Homewood High School boasts nature trails near the creek and on the slopes of Shades Mountain. For more information, contact Henry Hughes at henrysvf@earthlink.net

Interfaith Environmental Initiative of Alabama – “engaging faith and science to sustain and enhance the life of Earth.” IEIA is a community-based network connecting members of faith, science, education, environmental, business, government and the arts sectors to learn together and encourage and inspire informed choices for Care of Creation. To join, please email Ginny Brown at vnbrown@samford.edu, Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education (with IEIA in the subject line).

For a free downloadable version of ***Watersheds & Warming: A Six-Session Adult Christian Education Curriculum Guide***, see The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama Task Force for The Stewardship of Creation website: www.stewardsforcreation.org. For further information about a **Training Program** in your area, contact Deacon Gerri Aston, (Central and North Alabama), gerriaston@charter.net, or Michelle Bende (South Alabama) mtbende@roadrunner.com.

You are invited to go to <http://ieialabama.wordpress.com/about/> for **ongoing notices and conversation** related to these issues.