

Come to the second annual Show-Me Creation Care Conference in Columbia to meet with others who want to make a difference. The day will provide many opportunities to network with others to learn what has worked for them, to find out how to try that community garden or rain garden you have been hearing about, and even to get the latest on what's happening in Washington D.C. regarding environmental legislation. Bring friends and carpool to decrease your carbon footprint.

Workshops

Advocating for Environmental Justice: Learn about opportunities to engage your local congregations, communities and policymakers in actions to protect creation and build a just and sustainable future. (John Hill)

Community Gardens: Our speaker will provide an overview of community gardening and also tips and tools for starting and managing gardens at churches and in other settings. Resources will include the "Community Gardening Toolkit, a University of Missouri Extension publication, found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/>. (Bill McKelvey)

Biblical Ethics for Creation Care: This breakout session will look at the rich biblical tradition for creation care as we seek to be responsible to the biblical witness of stewardship. From the very beginning of Genesis, to the great Hebrew prophets, and in the life and teachings of Jesus, we see a witness to the wisdom of loving God's Very Good Creation. (Mark Davies)

Rain Gardens: Find out how rain gardens can provide a simple and beautiful way to manage storm water runoff. Attendees will learn the basic components of rain garden construction and maintenance, and will be provided with resources on plant selection. (Boone Rain Gardens Staff person)

Stream Dynamics: This presentation will provide an introduction to the topic of how streams work and how they respond to the many ways humans alter stream systems. (Paul Blanchard)



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Show-Me Creation Care



Planting Seeds: For Congregational Creation Care

March 20th, 2010
Missouri United Methodist Church
204 S. Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201

- ~ *Feeling the need for an encouraging word when you speak of environmental concerns?*
- ~ *Do you wonder if there is anyone else fighting the battle?*

You are not alone!

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone #: _____

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Church: _____

Breakout session choices:

A more sustainable lunch is included in the registration cost and will be vegetarian.

I will need child care.

The names and ages of the child/ren are:

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Enclosed is the \$25 adult / \$20 student registration plus \$7 for each child in childcare, to cover expenses.

Please mail check and registration form to:

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Or you can register on line at:

<http://www.umocm.com/creationcare.htm>

* Please Register by **March 10th, 2010**

Meet our Speakers



Rev. Dr. Mark Y. A. Davies is co-founder of Oikos, Inc. Oikos partners with other educational groups to help United Methodist related colleges and universities to more effectively provide education for social and ecological responsibility.

Their work includes efforts to provide an online collaboration of faculty, staff, and students from United Methodist and Methodist related institutions of higher education concerning issues of global ethics and the challenges of the 21st century, especially as they relate to peace, poverty and planet earth.

Dr. Davies is Dean of the Petree College of Arts and Sciences and Wimberly Professor of Social Ethics at Oklahoma City University. Previously, Dr. Davies was Dean of the Wimberly School of Religion at Oklahoma City University and Founding Director of the Vivian Wimberly Center for Ethics and Servant Leadership. Dr. Davies has published in the areas of Boston personalism, process philosophy and ethics, and ecological ethics, and he is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. He and his wife Kristin live in Edmond, OK and they have two daughters, Rae and Sophia.

Paul Blanchard, Ph.D. worked since 2003 for the Missouri Department of Conservation as a Stream Program Coordinator. Primary job duties involve many aspects of stream hydrology.



John S. Hill is Director for Economic and Environmental Justice at the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society (GBCS).

John joined the GBCS staff on Earth Day, April 22, 2002. He began work on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide for a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Florida. John joined GBCS as Program Director for Environmental Justice. In 2003, his portfolio expanded to include economic justice issues.

As part of his ecumenical work, John serves as Chair of the Policy Committee for the National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Working Group and Co-Chair of the Washington Interreligious Staff Community's Energy and Ecology Working Group.

Bill McKelvey, University of Missouri Extension, Associate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Healthy Lifestyle Initiative is an Extension Associate for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Extension at the University of Missouri.



Schedule

8:30 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am - 9:20 am
9:20 am - 10:20 am

10:30 am - 11:20 am
11:30 am - 12:15 pm
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

1:15 pm - 2:05 pm
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Registration

Welcome by Max Marble
"Faith, Hope, and Love in the 21st Century"
- *Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, Ph.d.*

Workshop

Lunch

"Global Church Responding to the Global Challenge"
- *John Hill*

Workshop

Closing worship