Religion and Ecology News Articles

Dear Forum Colleagues,

Greetings! Below you will find the latest religion and ecology news articles from a number of news sources. For your convenience, I have included short introductions to each story and provide URLs for the full story. I have grouped articles together that pertain to a common topic, but a number of articles belong within multiple sections.

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1. Pope Francis, Climate Change, and the Environment

One year after the Papal encyclical *Laudato Si* was released, there is growing interest in its message that brings together eco-justice issues for people and the planet. On June 13-17, 2016, the “Laudato Si Online Conference” featured Vatican officials and leading experts from different backgrounds who dialogued about the crisis affecting our common home and reflected on the Pope’s Laudato Si’ message on occasion of its first anniversary. Recordings of the entire conference are available here: http://catholicclimatemovement.global/laudato-si-online-conference-2016/

**Year-old Laudato Si’ has stirred up action for Earth**

By Brian Roewe
National Catholic Reporter
June 16, 2016
http://ncronline.org/blogs/eco-catholic/encyclical-boost-year-old-laudato-si-has-stirred-action-earth

Last year's arrival of Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si’, on Care for Our Common Home*" marked a significant moment as the Catholic church substantially entered the realm of environmental concern at a time when global attention toward the Earth's degradation, in particular by climate change, was nearing a peak.

**Laudato Si’ Week renews awareness ahead of encyclical anniversary**

By Brian Roewe
National Catholic Reporter
June 14, 2016

Prayer services, social media campaigns, workshops and webinars are set to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Pope Francis’ social encyclical on the environment, “*Laudato Si’, on Care for Our Common Home.*”

**Pursuit of integral ecology**

By Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo and Veerabhadran Ramanathan
*Science, Vol. 352, Issue 6287, pp. 747*
May 13, 2016
http://science.sciencemag.org/content/352/6287/747.full

Later this month (23 and 24 May), the United Nations will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, where global and local leaders will commit to putting each and every person's safety, dignity, freedom, and right to thrive at the heart of decision-making. Included in
the summit's Agenda for Humanity are climate and natural disasters. Indeed, 1 year ago, Pope Francis emphasized, in the encyclical *Laudato Si*, that complex crises have both social and environmental dimensions. The bond between humans and the natural world means that we live in an “integral ecology,” and as such, an integrated approach to environmental and social justice is required.

**Laudato Si' turns one year old: Time for action**
By Michael Sean Winters
National Catholic Reporter
May 24, 2016
http://ncronline.org/blogs/distinctly-catholic/laudato-si-turns-one-year-old-time-action

One year ago today, Pope Francis signed his encyclical *Laudato Si’.* We didn't know it at the time: The encyclical was leaked on June 15 and published officially on June 18. But, I hope this morning's reflection will be the first of many attempts to take stock of the issues raised in that encyclical.

**How Pope Francis inspired a Thailand parish to plant 800 trees**
Herald Malaysia Online
June 9, 2016

BANGKOK: Inspired by Pope Francis’ encyclical on caring for creation, and concerned by environmental threats around them, Catholic parishioners in Thailand are planting hundreds of new trees. “Pope Francis has enlightened us and appealed to us in his encyclical ‘Laudato Si’ for collective action and bold cultural revolution to tackle environmental issues,” said Father Daniel Khuan Thinwan.

**Pope thanks Jains for commitment to care for environment**
Independent Catholic News
June 1, 2016

Pope Francis today thanked the Jain community for its commitment to protect "our sister Earth." The Pope's words came as he received members of the Institute of Jainology in private audience in the Vatican before leading the weekly General Audience in St Peter's Square.

**Priest promotes care for earth**
By Jennifer Burke
Catholic Courier
May 31, 2016
Pope Francis’ concern for the poor and his promotion of mercy are well-known worldwide. Thus, early in the spring of 2015, many Vatican watchers thought the first encyclical penned solely by Pope Francis would focus on either mercy or care for the poor, according to Father Emmanuel Katongole, associate professor of world religions and the church at the University of Notre Dame.

**Catholic social teachings call to the dignity of creation**

By Denis M. Hughes and Brian Jordan
National Catholic Reporter
May 13, 2016

On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the seminal encyclical for workers *Rerum Novarum* (On the Condition of Labor). This memorable encyclical officially ushered in the transition in Catholic social thought from a basis in agrarian economy to the understanding of the industrial evolution throughout the world through manufacturing and other industries.

**Mining and extraction coalition at UN holds countries, companies accountable**

By Chris Herlinger
Global Sisters Report
May 9, 2016

Global Sisters Report is focusing a special series on mining and extractive industries and the women religious who work to limit damage and impact on people and the environment, through advocacy, action and policy. Pope Francis last year called for the entire mining sector to undergo "a radical paradigm change." Sisters are on the front lines to help effect that change.

**Catholics and Buddhists should work together for the environment**

Vatican Radio
May 6, 2016
[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/05/06/catholics_and_buddhists_together_for_the_environment/1227858](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/05/06/catholics_and_buddhists_together_for_the_environment/1227858)

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue has sent a message to the Buddhists of the world to mark the Feast of Vesakh, which commemorates the his birth, enlightenment and death of Gautama Buddha. This year’s Message was inspired by Pope Francis’ Encyclical *Laudato si’*. “As the crisis of climate change is contributed to by human activity, we, Christians and Buddhists, must work together to confront it with an ecological spirituality,” writes Cardinal
Jean-Louis Tauran, the President of the Pontifical Council. “The acceleration of global
environmental problems has added to the urgency of interreligious cooperation.”

Green Ribbon Political Awards
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
May 3, 2016
http://ciwem.org/greenribbon/

The Green Ribbon Political Awards are the only awards to celebrate the achievements of
politicians, businesses and charities judged by experts of the highest international calibre.
His Holiness Pope Francis has won the Green Ribbon Political Award for the most inspirational
figure internationally for the Papal Encyclical *Laudato si’*.

Confronting climate change is our moral obligation
By Most Reverend Oscar Cantú and Most Reverend Broderick Pabillo
The Hill
April 27, 2016

We are bishops from the global South and North, united by faith and humanity. As pastors, we
seek to comfort the young and the old, the healthy and the infirm. We try to ensure that the
powerless are heard and the powerful are engaged. In accordance with these values, we joined
hands with Pope Francis to call upon our leaders to protect all of creation from ecological
calamity as they prepared to sign the Paris climate change accord April 22 at the United Nations
headquarters in New York.

Zambia’s Catholic Bishops call for action on environment
Vatican Radio
April 27, 2016

Zambia’s Catholic Bishops say they appreciate that the country still needs mining and large-scale
farming. The Bishops have acknowledged that mining contributes to the country’s development
and provides much-needed jobs. They also say large scale agriculture is still necessary for
increased food production in the country.

On Earth Day, Pope Francis calls all ‘to see the world through the eyes of God the Creator’
By Brian Roewe
National Catholic Reporter
April 22, 2016
See the world through the eyes of the Creator, Pope Francis said at the end of his general audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, marking Earth Day. “I exhort everyone to see the world through the eyes of God the Creator: the earth is an environment to be safeguarded, a garden to be cultivated,” he said.

**Catholics join Earth Day effort to plant 7.8 billion trees**
By Brian Roewe
National Catholic Reporter
April 22, 2016

The new juniper tree at Light of Hearts Villa, in Bedford, Ohio, offers its nearly 100 residents another scenic outpost in the landscape that often draws deer, fox and recently, a peregrine falcon. The tree was planted as part of the assisted-living community's Earth Day celebration on Thursday. Some of the 25 residents in attendance braved the weather with umbrellas to partake in the prayer and planting outside, while others watched from drier conditions inside.

**“We have to move now”: Islanders watch as their home disappears in the sea**
By Mark Bowling
The Catholic Leader
April 20, 2016

ALMOST 6000 islanders to Australia’s north face forced evacuation as they watch their low-lying Pacific homelands disappear under rising seas. Their plight amounts to just a drop in the ocean, and yet these island people take solace from Pope Francis’ call for action on climate change and the environment, and for the dignity of displaced persons.

**For the Planet and the Poor**
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame
April 4, 2016

We are witnessing an extraordinary moment in the history of global efforts to eliminate extreme poverty and preserve the natural environment. Never before have international development organizations, national governments, the Catholic Church, and other religious and faith-based organizations been so closely aligned in a campaign to address the most daunting challenges facing humanity and the planet.
2. The Work of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale

From Independence to Interdependence
By Cassandra Farrin
Westar Institute
May 19, 2016
https://www.westarinstitute.org/blog/from-independence-to-interdependence/

When you trek up a mountainside and pass over a ridge into a gorgeous vista of peaks bathed in the colors of sunset, and when later that night the stars spangle out over your tent and an alpine lake, reflecting back their own infinite mass, don’t the words that come to mind feel strangely religious? Awe. Wonder. Beauty. Surely this, if nothing else, reassures us that the chasm between science and religion is not as wide as it all-too-often feels. We welcomed with delight Mary Evelyn Tucker’s comments on this subject as part of the Westar Institute’s Spring 2016 national meeting in Santa Rosa, California.

Rouhani opens Intl. Seminar on Environment, Religion, Culture
Mehr News Agency
April 23, 2016

TEHRAN (MNA) – The 2nd 'International Seminar on Environment, Religion, and Culture' was opened at Tehran’s Pardisan Park Sat. morning with the presence of President Rouhani and participants of 15 countries. Organized by the Islamic Republic of Iran and with the active collaboration of the United Nations (UN) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the second edition of this invitational event entitled, the ‘International Seminar on Environment, Religion, and Culture,’ is currently underway at Pardisan Park in Tehran and will continue until Sunday.

Note: Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim participated in this conference, and the Journey of the Universe trailer was shown with Persian subtitles at the beginning and end of the event. For the seminar agenda, a discussion note, and photos, visit: http://tinyurl.com/zsyh2cn This conference follows on two conferences on religion and ecology in Tehran in 2001 and 2005 that Mary Evelyn and John also participated in, sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Iranian government.

3. Religion and Climate Change
Today it is our responsibility as Buddhists and as human beings to respond to an unfolding human-made climate emergency that threatens life. This statement is a Zen Buddhist perspective on the climate emergency, expressing deep concern and pointing towards actions to halt and reverse climate change. It is a first step. This statement is a unique collaboration among Soto Zen Buddhists in the west. Soto Zen, with its Japanese roots in the 13th century teachings of Eihei Dogen, emphasizes zazen, or seated meditation, developing a down-to-earth awareness of one’s own mind as expressed in all areas of daily life — at home, at work, and in society.

An interfaith view on climate change
By David Boyd
Nelson Star
May 7, 2016
http://www.nelsonstar.com/opinion/378290311.html

Here in Nelson, a local interfaith group has come together to advocate for climate justice and to urge all citizens to participate in the transition to a zero-carbon future. The following groups are working together for carbon pollution solutions and sharing spiritual practices: Ascension Lutheran Church, Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Kootenay Shambhala Meditation Centre, Nelson United Church, St. Saviour’s Anglican Church, and Yasodhara Ashram.

Global citizenship and education key to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals, sisters say
By Chris Herlinger
Global Sisters Report
June 6, 2016

Women religious who work at the United Nations and attended a recent United Nations conference in South Korea on education and global citizenship say the U.N.’s affirmation of human rights-based education is an important step in efforts to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development.

Climate scientist-turned-psychologist seeks paths toward more compassion for the earth
In his book *Facing Climate Change: An Integral Path to the Future*, Jeff Kiehl explores the worlds of science, Jungian psychology and Buddhist philosophy in an attempt to offer hopeful ways in which we can change to break free of our old patterns to create a new story filled with compassion for the earth.

**Unfriendly Climate**

By Sonia Smith  
Texas Monthly  
May 2016  

Texas Tech’s Katharine Hayhoe is one of the most respected experts on global warming in the country. She’s also an evangelical Christian who is trying to connect with the very people who most doubt her research. Too bad the temperature keeps rising.

**250 Faith Leaders Demand Nations Ratify Paris Climate Deal**

By Jeremy Deaton & Jack Jenkins  
Think Progress  
April 18, 2016  

Former U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres has credited faith groups for helping to advance the Paris Climate Agreement by supporting “holistic, equitable, but above all, ambitious climate action.”

Now, faith leaders are going one step further, calling for immediate ratification of the landmark international accord to curb global climate change.

**5 Huge Climate Success Stories 10 Years After the Release of Al Gore’s ‘An Inconvenient Truth’**

The Climate Reality Project  
EcoWatch  
May 24, 2016  
[https://ecowatch.com/2016/05/24/al-gore-inconvenient-truth/](https://ecowatch.com/2016/05/24/al-gore-inconvenient-truth/)

Here’s something to smile about. Check out five of our favorite climate successes in the past decade. Ten years ago, *An Inconvenient Truth* brought the issue of climate change out into the open and into mainstream culture like never before. People began asking tough questions about
our climate and wanted to know what they could do to make our planet a safer, healthier place for us all. And 10 years later, we can see the results.

4. Indigenous Traditions and Ecology

**Indigenous Climate Adaptation Tool May Soon Go Mobile**
By Ciro Calderon
Ecosystem Marketplace
June 10, 2016

Brazil’s SOMAI Alerta Indígena platform helps indigenous territories plan for climate change, but so far it’s only been available in places with reliable internet. A new mobile app could spread the access and make it more responsive – but only if funding materializes. Thanks to Google, that may be about to happen.

**Venezuelan Social Movements Converge on Supreme Court, Demand Injunction Against Mining Arc**
By Lucas Koerner
Venezuela Analysis
June 5, 2016

Caracas – Activists from grassroots organizations protested outside the Venezuelan Supreme Court Tuesday to demand that the body put a halt to a controversial mega-mining project spearheaded by the Maduro government. The demonstration was organized by the Platform for the Nullity of the Mining Arc, an alliance of diverse movements and leading public intellectuals that emerged in response to a law authorizing open-pit mining in 12 percent of the nation’s territory.

**“The Importance of Indigenous Knowledge in Curbing the Loss of Language and Biodiversity”**
By Benjamin T. Wilder, Carolyn O'Meara, Laurie Monti, and Gary Paul Nabhan
June 1, 2016
http://bioscience.oxfordjournals.org/content/66/6/499.full

Biodiversity inventory, monitoring, and species-recovery efforts can be advanced by a dynamic collaboration of Western, citizen, and ethnoscience. Indigenous and local traditional knowledge
of place-based biodiversity is perhaps the oldest scientific tradition on earth. We illustrate how an all taxa biodiversity inventory network of projects in collaboration with the Comcaac (Seri people) in northwestern Mexico is advancing not only biosystematics but also species recovery, habitat restoration, language conservation and maintenance, and the maintenance of traditional livelihoods.

Women Deliver: Young Women Climate Warriors Speak
By Stella Paul
Women News Network
May 29, 2016
https://womennewsnetwork.net/2016/05/29/women-deliver-young-women-climate-warriors-speak/

(WNN) Copenhagen, Denmark, EUROPE: Seven years have gone by since then, but Majandra Rodrigues Acha of Lima still cannot forget the day she saw the true face of a woman’s vulnerability. It was June 2009 and television channels across Peru were broadcasting the news of a riot that erupted between the country’s indigenous people and the police. In the riot, known as the “Devil’s Curve Battle’ 32 indigenous environmental activists had died defending their land rights.

Contamination of Sacred Lake Underscores Environmental Racism in Guatemala
By Jeff Abbott
Truthout
May 28, 2016

Lake Atitlán, in the Guatemalan highlands, draws hundreds of thousands of tourists annually to the vast blue waters and towering cliffs of its scenic volcanic crater. But the lake is in crisis. In early March 2016, the lake’s Indigenous Mayan communities and the National Indigenous Observatory, with support from a number of local organizations, filed an official complaint against the 10 municipalities around the lake about the continued deterioration and contamination of the lake due to corruption and the mishandling of official funds.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Revokes Sovereign Lands Construction Permit for Dakota Access Pipeline in Iowa
Indigenous Environmental Network
May 27, 2016

Des Moines, IA – The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has revoked its approval of a construction permit for the Dakota Access pipeline through the Big Sioux River Wildlife Management Area in Northeast Iowa. This permit is called the Sovereign Lands Construction
Permit and was revoked because a significant Native American archaeological site was discovered along its proposed path.

**Indigenous tribe on Mt. Elgon suffers climate change impacts**
By Gerald Tenywa
New Vision
May 16, 2016

He had never known anything known as malaria until he left the higher parts of Mt. Elgon where he was born 57 years ago. When Batya Moya, an elder among the Benets got down at Amanang, which is at the edge of Mt. Elgon National Park, he was attacked by malaria. The malaria carrying mosquitoes breed in the lower parts of the mountains because they are warmer than the higher parts of the mountains.

**BC indigenous leaders seek UN support against gas project**
WRAL
May 12, 2016

UNITED NATIONS — First Nations leaders from British Columbia brought their fight against a proposed liquefied natural gas project in the province to the U.N. on Thursday, saying it could threaten the wild salmon habitat on their ancestral lands.

**Radical art form blazing a trail for environment, indigenous rights**
FMT News
May 9, 2016

PETALING JAYA: An alternative art group born through a love of punk rock has gained popularity across Malaysia in just a matter of six years, from its humble beginnings in Ranau, Sabah, according to a report by the South China Morning Post. Pangrok Sulap uses woodcut printing for some controversial and confrontational art pieces that aims to address issues affecting locals and the environment, including depleted forests, animals and the indigenous population.

**First Nation Wins Historic Victory Over Mammoth Coal Export Terminal**
By Lauren McCauley
Common Dreams
May 10, 2016
In a move being hailed as a landmark victory for the climate movement, Pacific Northwest communities, and tribal members alike, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Monday denied federal permits for the largest proposed coal export terminal in North America.

10 Latin American Indigenous Rights Warriors You Need to Know
Telesur
May 8, 2016

These Indigenous human rights and environmental activists are making waves in Latin America and beyond. Indigenous leader around the world are on the front lines of struggle against corporate exploitation, resource extraction, neoliberal policies, and other injustices impacting people and the environment. Here’s a look at some of the most prominent Indigenous leaders fighting for justice and human rights in Latin America.

Brazil suspends Amazon dam project over fears for indigenous people
By Chris Arsenault
Reuters
April 22, 2016
http://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-environment-dam-idUSKCN0XJ2AM

RIO DE JANEIRO (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Land rights campaigners have welcomed the suspension of a mega-dam project in Brazil's Amazon basin which would have flooded an area the size of New York City and displaced indigenous communities. The São Luiz do Tapajós dam would have forced Munduruku indigenous people out of their traditional territory while disrupting the Amazon ecosystem, a campaigner said on Friday.

In Photos: The Indigenous Protectors of the World's Most Sacred Places
By Christopher McLeod
YES! Magazine
April 21, 2016

All around the world, sites sacred to indigenous people are besieged by mining, tourism, and other threats. Meet the groups safeguarding and restoring them. Back in the 1990s, there was an intense debate among my Native American friends about whether public education about sacred places would be a good idea.
Maasai winner of environment prize protects land from grabbers
By Kizito Makoye
Reuters
April 18, 2016

DAR ES SALAAM, April 18 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Dressed in his traditional red shawl, Edward Loure was watching over a herd of cattle grazing on dew-laden grass when he heard that his efforts to protect land rights had earned him one of the world's most prestigious environmental prizes.

5. Religion and Ecology in India

Taj Mahal Under Attack by Bugs and Their Green Slime
By Nida Najar and Suhasini Raj
New York Times
May 17, 2016

NEW DELHI — Over the centuries, the Taj Mahal has endured its share of attacks — plundered by the Jats of northern India and looted by British soldiers, among other indignities. In recent years, officials have worried that growing air pollution could permanently darken the tomb’s brilliant white exterior. But few people anticipated the latest affront — millions of mosquito-like insects, their numbers supercharged by nutritious algae blooming profusely along the banks of the polluted Yamuna River nearby.

Can India's Sacred But 'Dead' Yamuna River Be Saved?
By Julie McCarthy
NPR
May 11, 2016
http://www.npr.org/2016/05/11/477415686/can-indias-sacred-but-dead-yamuna-river-be-saved

A fire crackles along the banks of the Yamuna River: a cremation of a young mother, struck by a car while she was fetching water. The stench of the river engulfs the sad assembly. Before the hissing funeral pyre, floating down the river, white blocks of what looks like detergent appear like icebergs. It is 95 degrees in Delhi this night. This is chemical waste from factories that have sprung up across the city, manufacturing leather goods, dyes and other goods.
Saints oppose move to sell Ganga jal online
The Tribune
June 2, 2016

Haridwar - The saint community has expressed resentment over the Union Government’s move to sell holy Ganga jal through post office bookings. They have warned of resorting to intense agitation. Many renowned saints have demanded that the government should roll back its decision, terming it an act that hurt religious sentiments of saints and millions of devotees who regard the holy Ganga jal as pious.

Leaders of different faiths release declaration on ‘Swachhta Kranti’
By FPJ Bureau
The Free Press Journal
May 4, 2016
http://www.freepressjournal.in/leaders-of-different-faiths-release-declaration-on-swachhta-kranti/839803

Ujjain: A grand assembly of prominent religious leaders representing many faiths came together for a historic first time at the Simhastha Mahakumbh-2016, to appeal for a Swachhta Kranti (Clean Revolution) for Mother India through Sadbhavana Sankalp. In so doing, they implored the people of India to rise together so that India may shine as a global example of cleanliness. For this, they said that we must do all we can to ensure that our lands and rivers are kept open-defecation free through the use of eco-friendly toilets.

6. Islam and Ecology

Cultivating peace: Qur'anic and Abrahamic Botanic Gardens
UNESCO
May 21, 2016

From the first, the Qur'anic botanic gardens project aimed to enhance linkages between cultural and biological diversity, by linking traditional Islamic respect for natural habitats, the cultures inspired by the Holy Books of Islam, with the protection of environment and biological diversity. They also provided an opportunity for education and environmental awareness, as exemplified by the recent excursion that brought together sixteen inspired students and young professionals
Delivering on the Promises of Paris: Why the World’s Muslims Are Demanding Climate Action Now
By Naser Haghamed
Huffington Post
April 18, 2016
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/naser-haghamed/delivering-on-the-promise_b_9717634.html

The global Muslim community - made up of around 1.6 billion followers from world leaders to academics, from teachers and healthcare workers to business people and investors - has incredible collective power. Islam is the fastest-growing religion: 1 in 5 people today are Muslim, and Muslims will make up around 30% of the global population in 2050.

Eco-halal becomes fashion trend
By Vestnik Kavkaza
Vestnik Kavkaza
June 3, 2016
http://vestnikkavkaza.net/articles/Eco-halal-becomes-fashion-trend.html

Today, Moscow hosted the opening of the 7th Moscow International Exhibition Halal Expo 2016. This year, the exhibition presented not only new platforms and new participants, but also new trends. One of them is eco-halal. The director of the Environmental Certification Center Green Standards, Rashid Ismailov, spoke about what there is it at the exhibition opening.

7. Religion, Ethics, and Ecology

The Power of Memory: Chernobyl Thirty Years Later
By His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
April 26, 2016
https://www.patriarchate.org/-/the-power-of-memory-chernobyl-thirty-years-later?inheritRedirect=true

Thirty years ago, in the early morning of April 26, 1986, even as the Orthodox Church was about to embark on its holiest of weeks leading to the joy of Easter, the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine exploded, creating the worst nuclear disaster that the world had seen up to that time.

Environmental challenges – a forceful argument for global citizenship
UN News Centre
May 31, 2016

While global citizenship means many things to many people, discussions at the sixty-sixth United Nations/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference maintained that cultivating empathy, a scientific appreciation for the natural world and responsibility towards future generations must be at the core of education for global citizenship.

Protecting those who work to defend the environment is a human rights issue
By John H Knox, Michel Forst and Victoria Tauli-Corpuz
The Guardian
June 5, 2016

The enjoyment of a vast range of human rights, including rights to life, health, food, water, and housing, depend on a healthy and sustainable environment. Today, on World Environment Day, let us remember that those who work to protect the environment are not only environmentalists – they are human rights defenders. And they are increasingly at risk.

International innovators to share green savvy at UNT rural sustainability conference
By Julie Ryan
Green Source DFW
June 6, 2016
http://www.greensourcedfw.org/articles/international-innovators-share-green-savvy-unt-rural-sustainability-conference

North Texans seeking sustainable solutions for a growing demand for water and energy in the region can learn from world experts when the University of North Texas hosts an international conference unlike any seen hereabouts this week. It’s UNT’s first international conference on rural sustainability, hosted by the departments of Anthropology and Philosophy & Religion.

Interfaith event focuses on the environment
By Jennifer Burke
Catholic Courier
May 17, 2016

More than 60 scholars from around the world will present research papers on the environmental perspectives of different religions during an upcoming conference at Nazareth College in Pittsford. "Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: Nature and Environment in World Religions" will take place May 23-25 at the college and will feature panel presentations and keynote addresses.
about nature and the environment as seen through the lens of such religions as Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism.

Greening Group Planting Environmental Seeds
By Merri Rosenberg
The Jewish Week
May 17, 2016

When Hazon, a Jewish environmental organization, showed up at the Community Synagogue of Rye last month with their Topsy-Turvy bus — powered by vegetable oil — religious school students had the chance to ride a bicycle to power a blender to make their own smoothies. This was precisely the kind of experience that the Westchester Jewish Greening Group, a new coalition of congregations and members who want to enhance environmental awareness and action, wants to see around the county as a way to feature environmental education within their religious school programs.

Generation Anthropocene: How humans have altered the planet for ever
By Robert Macfarlane
The Guardian
April 1, 2016
https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/apr/01/generation-anthropocene-altered-planet-forever

We are living in the Anthropocene age, in which human influence on the planet is so profound – and terrifying – it will leave its legacy for millennia. Politicians and scientists have had their say, but how are writers and artists responding to this crisis?

8. Newsletters

Forum on Religion and Ecology Newsletter
http://fore.yale.edu/publications/newsletters/

Carbon Rangers/Ecozoic Times Newsletter
http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=5dd06f3cbb86536df56de4a9d&id=571b51c977

Creation Justice Ministries Newsletter
http://www.creationjustice.org/capsules.html

Eco-Congregation Scotland Newsletter
http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=a37b4ff760ffcc7fd1c3611b4&id=57e0b5c50a
Garrison Institute’s Climate, Mind and Behavior Newsletter
https://www.garrisoninstitute.org/insights-tools/resources/

Green Church Newsletter
http://green-church.org/newsletters

GreenFaith Newsletter
https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/greenfaith/viewOnlineEmail.jsp?emailId=54cbdf1e828f780747d288b2eedc68ee5m032054354c

Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences (IFEES)/EcoIslam Newsletter
http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/home/?u=9e7db8d664e580892adb797bf&id=45f1a8da85

Minding Animals Bulletin
https://mindinganimals.com/bulletins/

Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute Newsletter
http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/home/?u=887c3de8b0&id=e86d980456

Voices for Earth Justice Newsletter
http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/home/?u=9eb850d03ad7bc11a3bb09576&id=e8a11c035d

Wake Forest University School of Divinity - Field & Table Newsletter
http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=3127f74a14019a66fd2af07fe&id=823baecd88