

EE: Working with Faith-Based Communities

Project-Based Online Learning Course February 12th – March 14th, 2014



Course Overview: This is a professional development course designed for educators and faith leaders working at the intersection of faith and the environment. The link between faith, community and the environment put religious groups in an important position to be leaders in transforming attitudes and behavior with respect to promoting environmental stewardship. The objective of this course is to increase your capacity to effectively develop programs that support environmental awareness, stewardship, and sustainable communities.

Topics covered in this course will include:

1. Religious basis for environmental concern.
2. Facilitating dialogue between faith and non-faith groups working in EE and Community Change.
3. Past and present approached to environmental justice work.
4. Environmental Education Guidelines in a Faith Context.

Duration: 4 Weeks

Dates: 02/12/2014 through 03/14/2014

Registration: 01/15/2014 - 02/07/2014 <https://sites.google.com/a/eelearn.net/eelearning-portal/register>

Learning Platform: Google Apps for Education and Facebook

Course Requirements: Computer with Internet Connection

Course Facilitator: Justin G. Smith – Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University

Course Format: This is a 4-week online course centered around developing group project relevant to the work of EE in a faith-based context. Participants will choose their own project. Examples might include a short video presentation, podcasts, collaborative blog or website, and other digital and/or print education resources. This project will serve as one of the key outcomes of the learning experience. In addition to the project, participants will be exposed to EE topics through video, weekly webinars with leaders in the field, as well as print publications.

EECapacity - *This course is offered by the Cornell University Civic Ecology Lab through EECapacity, the EPA-funded national environmental education training program. The EECapacity Leadership Team includes the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), Environmental Education Exchange, and Akiima Price Consulting. This course is offered for the first time and is based on the EPA Professional Development Needs Study, NAAEE Guidelines for Excellence, and the wealth of innovative EE practice emerging in cities across the US. This course draws from an EECapacity report on Environmental Education and Faith-based Communities developed by Cassandra Carmichael, Executive Director, National Religious Partnership for the Environment.*