

A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a white dress, is looking upwards with her hands raised. A paper airplane is flying in the sky above her. The background is a mix of orange and white, suggesting a sunset or sunrise sky with clouds.

Sacred Air:

CLIMATE & ENERGY

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Sacred Air: Climate & Energy

Sacred Air: Climate and Energy, the second program in JustFaith Ministries' Eco-justice Series, explores the impact of the climate crisis on God's creation and God's people. In order to discern ways to restore the health of our planet and those who live on it, small groups learn about causes and effects of the climate crisis. Topics include greenhouse gases, air pollution, fossil fuels, renewable energy, the Paris Agreement, and environmental racism. Through prayer and spiritual practices, participants notice the breath of God that flows through them, granting them the life and energy to address this difficult topic with passion and resilience. Participants can expect to leave **Sacred Air: Climate and Energy** better equipped to address the climate crisis, both by mobilizing their communities and by making personal choices that honor God's creation.

Program Outline

Session 1: Sacred Air, Sacred Breath

Lays a theological foundation for the program, as participants notice and celebrate God's Spirit.

Session 2: Climate Change: Is It Even Real?

Introduces participants to basic science around climate change.

Session 3: Fossil Fuels and Renewable Energy

Explores what fossil fuels are and the impact they have on our communities.

Session 4: Greenhouse Gases and Carbon Footprint

Narrates the ways in which greenhouse gases lead to climate change and air pollution; explores the particular effect that air pollution has on marginalized communities.

Session 5: Lament and Hope (Guest Speaker)

Guest speaker visits; group reflection on the biblical tradition of lament and hope.

Session 6: Environmental Justice

Explains what environmental justice is, why it is important, and how participants can join the movement.

Immersion experience in or with the local community

Session 7: Climate Communication

Explores strategies for prophetic and productive communication around this important (yet sometimes contentious) issue.

Session 8: Climate Action

Guides participants in creating a plan of action to address the climate crisis as individuals and as a group.

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Participant Information

Program Host & Location:

Meeting Dates & Times

Local Program Contact:

Books

The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go From Here
Hope Jahren

Earth Prayers
Elizabeth Roberts
and Elias Amidon

Laudato Si
Pope Francis

"I was a little skeptical of this program on my first day of the class; I was the only person of color and less than 50 years old and wondering if the course's material would even be relevant to my experience. I'm glad I stayed because I learned so much and was able to share so much of my experience, my community and the environmental justice work that I do from an urban perspective that it opened the minds of all of my classmates. It was an awesome experience that I'd recommend to everyone."

Melissa B., Participant

Learn more about program costs and facilitating a group...

Facilitation & Facilitation Support

Two volunteer facilitators are needed. There is strong facilitation support from JustFaith Ministries, including:

A Facilitation Overview / Comprehensive Session Outlines
Full Access to JFM Support Staff / Training Videos
Promotion Kits / Promotion Support / Monthly Update Email

Registration and Prices

Visit us online at www.JustFaith.org to learn more about group and participant prices.

Program Goals

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This program seeks to help participants:

- *Understand the basic principles of the climate crisis: what is it and what is causing it? How does the climate crisis affect us now, and what impact will it have on our future?*
- *Learn about the climate crisis's disproportionate effects on poor communities and communities of color, as well as discern how we might seek justice together through solidarity, advocacy, and organizing.*
- *Practice noticing God's presence with us through the Holy Spirit, that participants might be sustained spiritually and emotionally as they work for change.*
- *Develop a plan for addressing the climate crisis through advocacy, grassroots and parish-based organizing, and daily decision-making*

Sessions Include

- Prayer and Reflection
- Discussion of Reading
- Faith Integration
- Videos and Group Activities
- Spiritual Practices
- Guest Speaker

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