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Cal-Nev Climate Justice Ministries

Lent Studies

“Climate justice through faith-inspired connection, education, advocacy, and action”

Climate Justice Studies for Lent

In this issue are four ideas for climate justice studies during Lent.

[Rising to the Call: 7 Big Questions](#) - FREE downloadable study using the Lent Year C gospel Lectionary readings

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Rising to the Call

FREE Downloadable Lent Study



Rising to the Call: 7 Big Questions is a study about the challenges and joy of discipleship with a focus on Climate Justice. Each week during Lent, the study group is invited to explore a big question whose foundation is in that week's gospel reading from the **Year C lectionary**. The study was originally co-authored in 2022 by the chair of this Task Force, Rev. Joan Pell, while she was working for the British Methodist Church. It has been updated by Joan for 2025.

This study begins with an Introductory Session in the week of Ash Wednesday, followed by seven further sessions to answer the seven big questions; the sixth session falls in Holy Week and the final session in the week after Easter. In 2022, the Ipswich Methodist circuit online worship services, during Lent and on Easter Sunday, were based on this theme. The sermons from those services are available online as videos for any group who wants to use them as apart of each week's study - details are in the study.

Letter-sized– This version of the Study Guide is for printing on letter-sized paper (preferably double-sided) for those who need large print or for reading on a screen. It has clickable links.

[Download "Rising to the Call" \(Letter-sized\)](#)

Booklet–This version of the Study Guide is for printing double-sided in landscape mode on letter-sized paper to produce a folded booklet.

Download "Rising to the Call" (Booklet)

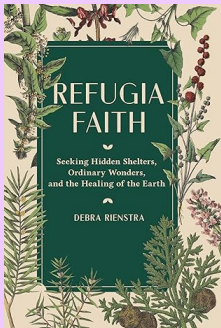
If you are telling someone else about this study, then it can also be downloaded freely from our task force page on the conference website by either using the qr code or this URL: cnumc.org/committee/4252101.



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Refugia Faith

Online Bible Study Group



On behalf of RCA, retired elder Rev. Judith Pruess-Mellow is leading an online 3-session book study on the book [Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth](#) by Debra Rienstra.

The meetings are on **Wednesdays March 5, March 19 and April 2 from 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

Refugia (reh-FU-jee-ah) is a biological term describing places of shelter where life endures in times of crisis, such as a volcanic eruption, fire, or stressed climate. Ideally, these refugia endure, expand, and connect so that new life emerges. In this book, Debra Rienstra explores how Christian spirituality and practice must adapt to prepare for life on a climate-altered planet. She asks, in this era of ecological devastation, how can Christians become people of refugia?

Click the link below to send Rev. Judith Pruess-Mellow an email to register and receive the Zoom link.

[Registration Link](#)

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Book Studies

Run a book study



In our Advent mailing, we featured a number of climate justice books recommended by members of our task force. Any of these books could form the basis of a Lent Study.

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Eco-Justice Courses

Just Faith courses



[Just Faith](#) offer small group programs that advance peace, racial equity and a sustainable world for use at any time of the year. They currently have three Eco-Justice courses that you can organize and run.

Each program in the eco-justice series includes eight 2-hour sessions, an immersion experience, and an optional get-to-know-you session. The eight regular sessions include prayer, dialogue, active listening, weekly spiritual practices, and relationship-building. The immersion experiences connect participants with people and organizations working on eco-justice issues; this real-world experience guides groups in discerning how they can put their learning into action.

Cost is \$35 upwards per participant.

Just Faith Eco-Justice Courses

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