

# Interfaith Workshop:

## “Greening Our Sacred Grounds”

Join us for our third annual forum which strives to bring congregations together to learn from one another, share praise for our Creator, and discuss projects that we can all do to restore and heal Creation in our local environment.

**Sunday, February 9, 2014, 12:30 to 5 p.m.**

**12:30-1:30 p.m. Open House at Dayspring Retreat Center**

*11301 Neelsville Church Road, Germantown, MD 20876*

Dayspring Retreat Center is a silent retreat center situated on 210 acres of rolling forests, fields, and headwater streams. The Center's buildings feature solar panels to support sustainable living. Come see a unique facility in our area and a potential future meeting space.

**2:00-5:00 p.m. Interfaith Conference at the International Cultural Center**

*19650 Club House Road, Suite 205, Montgomery Village, MD 20886*

**Welcome:** Paul Hlavinka, Muddy Branch Alliance, and Hedieh Mirahmadi, President and Founder, International Cultural Center

**Opening Remarks:** Rev. Mary Gaut, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

**Sessions Engaging Congregations:**

- *The Environment as an Educational Tool* – Tentative, Green Muslims
- *God Makes the Rain, We Make the Runoff* – Jodi Rose, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake
- *Engaging your Congregation in Water Quality* – Jim Hall, MD
- *National Wildlife Federation & Interfaith Power & Light's Sacred Grounds Program* – Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation
- *The Care and Feeding of your Congregation's Green Team* – Joelle Novey, Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVa)

**Networking and Fellowship Break**

**Project Ideas for Faith Groups:**

- *10,000 Trees Program* – Kolya Braun-Greiner, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake
- *Cleaning the Streams: Using FieldScope5 to Gather and Analyze Project Data* – Alena Rosen, Alice Ferguson Foundation
- *Less Lawn, More Life, Clean Water* – Merikay Smith, Master Gardener

To RSVP or for more information, email Paul Hlavinka at [phlavinka@gmail.com](mailto:phlavinka@gmail.com) or visit [www.muddybranch.org/event/interfaith-workshop](http://www.muddybranch.org/event/interfaith-workshop).

This event is co-sponsored by the Muddy Branch Alliance, Seneca Creek Watershed Partners, Watts Branch Watershed Alliance, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Interfaith Power and Light (DC.MD.NoVA), and the International Cultural Center, [www.theicc.net](http://www.theicc.net).



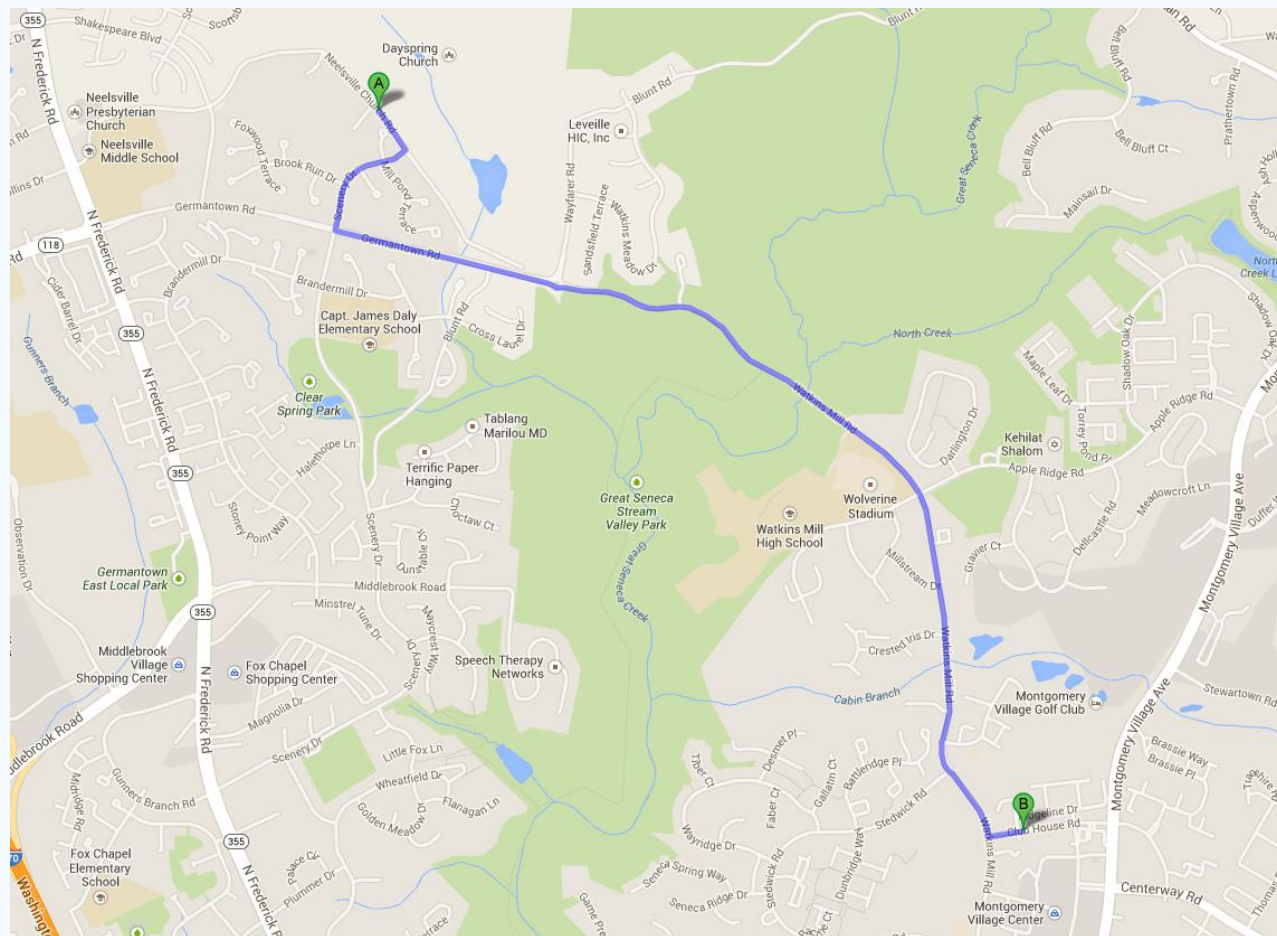
# Map & Directions

Please join us for an open house from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, followed by an afternoon of engagement and networking at the International Cultural Center in Montgomery Village. A map and directions are provided below.

**Dayspring Retreat Center:** 11301 Neelsville Church Rd, Germantown, MD 20876



**International Cultural Center:** 19650 Club House Road, Suite 205, Montgomery Village, MD 20886



## Directions from Dayspring to International Cultural Center:

- Head southeast on Neelsville Church Road toward Scenery Drive
- Turn right onto Scenery Drive
- Take the third left onto Germantown Road
- At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto Watkins Mill Road
- Turn left onto Club House Road
- Destination will be on the right

**Total Distance: 2.5 miles**

**Total Driving Time: 6 minutes**