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EARTH, WATER, WOMAN

Movie Discussion Activity Kit

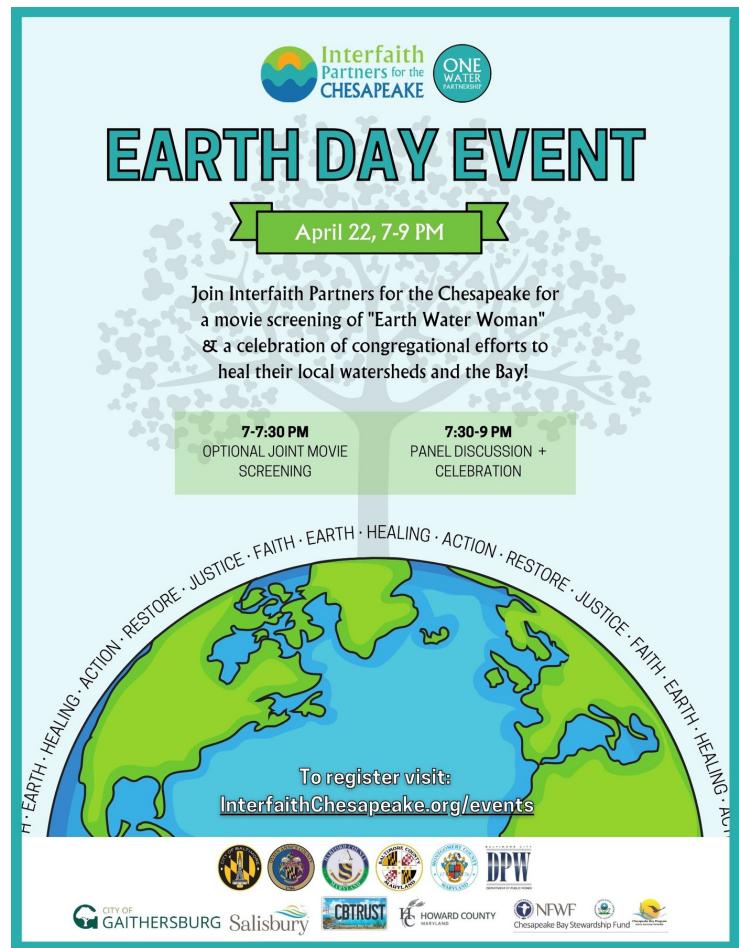


How to Use **This Kit**

Thank you for registering to watch Earth Water Woman and join us on April 22nd to celebrate Earth Day and the wonderful work our partner congregations are carrying out through the One Water Partnership. **If you haven't registered yet, you can do so here.**

IPC will be sending out a home viewing link to the film as early as April 9th. You and your green team can watch the film on your home computer and then come together as a team to discuss the film prior to our event on April 22nd. This kit will help you plan and guide that discussion.

We know Covid has made planning events difficult, so we hope this is something fun you can do with your team!



About **Earth Water Woman**

Earth, Water, Woman spotlights the Fondes Amandes Community Reforestation Project in Trinidad and Tobago, and its charismatic leader Akilah Jaramogi, in their ongoing efforts to transform barren hillsides into a vibrant, healthy ecosystem. A micro solution for the macro problem of climate change, this documentary urges viewers everywhere to examine their relationship to Mother Earth.



Hosting Your Own **Discussion Event**

As soon as possible

1. Get permission to host an event

Plan early and get the permission you need from your leadership to organize this virtual event at your congregation, if required.

4 weeks before your event

2. Pick a date for your discussion event between April 9th-22nd

Earth Water Woman will be available to stream between April 9th and 22nd. To gain access, you must RSVP to IPC's Earth Day event by [clicking here](#).

3. Pick a meeting platform and set up your virtual event.

Some options include:

- Google Meet: Free with unlimited time, requires participants to have a google account.
- Zoom: Free but limited to 40 minute session. To host an event longer than 40 minutes you must have a Licensed account. Your congregation may have a Licensed account that you could use for your event. If so, determine who the appropriate person to contact at your congregation is. If you have trouble accessing a zoom account, contact us at talya@interfaithchesapeake.org.

4. Set up an RSVP form

We encourage you to collect contact information from attendees so that you can engage them in more events in the future. Google Forms and Signup Genius are great options to use. IPC can also provide an online RSVP form if your congregation is interested. To request an online RSVP form for your discussion event, [click here](#). IPC will contact you within 1-2 days with a personalized form that you can use.

2-3 weeks before your event

5. Publicize your event

Get the word out! Determine what platforms are available to you for promoting your event and how you'll be able to promote your event on these platforms (Can you post to them directly? Do you need to ask permission? Is there a deadline to submit announcements?). Examples include congregational newsletters, bulletins, email lists, and social media platforms. [Click here to access promotional materials](#).

6. Plan out your event

Determine the structure of your event and review the discussion questions provided by IPC. We encourage you to open your event with a prayer, meditation, or inspirational excerpt as is customary at IPC. [Click here to access IPCs prayer card](#).

Week of event

7. Send out final reminder emails to people that signed up for your event

Earth Water Woman Discussion Questions

1. What if water cost as much as _____? (Adjust to something appropriate based on students' age/income of students' families. Ex. car payments, rent, food, medical expenses, etc.) Which would you choose to spend your money on if you couldn't have both?
2. Think about the ways that members of the community of Fondes Amandes have improved forest health and addressed their water needs. Which of these strategies are applicable in your community?
3. What concerns do you have about protecting water in your community? What actions can you take to address these concerns?
4. Much of the motivation for starting the FACRP came from the members' involvement with Rastafari. Rhoda Reddock points out that the Rastafarian "ideology...very much lends itself to that protective and custodial attitude towards the land." How does your faith compel you to protect and restore the land?
5. Akilah recalls at the beginning of the film that she remembers the days when the rivers were clean, pure, and full of life. Do you have memories like hers? How do your memories compel you to act?
6. We see from this movie that this project not only provided environmental benefits to the area, but economic and cultural benefits as well. How do/could creation care projects at your congregation benefit your congregation and community economically, culturally, and spiritually?"
7. Wherever people are living, if they look around and recognize the watershed that they live in and identify with it personally and start to feel the other beings – the rivers, the streams, the trees – as their own family, then we would make a big difference." How can we deepen our connection to our watershed? How can we help others deepen their connections to the watershed?
8. Building off the connections we feel to each other and to our watershed, what are some ways we can keep ourselves accountable to this work? Has your congregation signed the IPC Partner Congregation Pledge? Learn more [here](#).
9. Community: What do you think it meant to the people in Fondes Amandes? What do you think it means to you and your work for Creation Care?