

FAITH AND THE LAND: A Call for Wilderness Stewardship

**Exhibit and remarks
February 10, 10:30 AM
Capitol Rotunda**

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As leaders or members of eleven different faith traditions in Utah, we are pleased to invite you to view an exhibit, "A Call for Wilderness Stewardship," created by members of our diverse congregations that will be on display in the Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday, February 10 from 10:30 AM to about Noon. We will be offering remarks at 10:30 AM.

We represent members of the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Islamic, Jewish, Latter-day Saint, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Quaker, Unitarian Universalist and United Church of Christ faith communities.

This fall and winter, over 250 members of our communities helped to create posters featuring personal statements about why Utah's wilderness landscapes are important spiritually. These posters carry an important message: *Utah's wild lands are places of profound spiritual importance to people of many different faith traditions and deserve meaningful protection.*

We are also pleased to share with you a copy of an interfaith statement, "Faith and the Land: A Call for Wilderness Stewardship." This statement was distilled from dialogues about the relationship between spirituality and wilderness within each of our communities. We discovered that though our religious practices may vary, we stand on common ground in respect for the care of creation.

We hope you will take the time to view our exhibit and hear firsthand what members of our communities have to say about the spiritual value of wilderness and the need for protective stewardship. We also hope that you will use your position of leadership to provide *meaningful* protection for our ever-diminishing wild landscapes.

Reverend Diana Johnson
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Reverend Erin Gilmore
Holladay United Church of Christ

Reverend Marty Zimmerman
Christ United Methodist Church

Steve Goodier, Superintendent, Rocky Mountain Conference
Utah/Western Colorado District

George Handley
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Donald and Judith Adolphson
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Father Peter Rogers
St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center

Dee Rowland
Utah Catholic Diocese Peace and Justice Commission

Yalin Kecici
Muslim

Nano Podolsky
Congregation Kol Ami

Stephen Trimble
Chavurah B'Yachad

Lee Gerstein
Temple Har Shalom

Elaine Emmi
Salt Lake Quakers

Joan Gregory
First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City

Reverend Steve Klemz
Zion Evangelical Lutheran

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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