GreenFaith Water Shield

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GreenFaith Inspires, Educates





And Mobilizes







People of Diverse Religious Backgrounds



For Environmental Leadership





Based in Highland Park, New Jersey

A Focus on Water



Water is Integral to All Traditions



I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord.

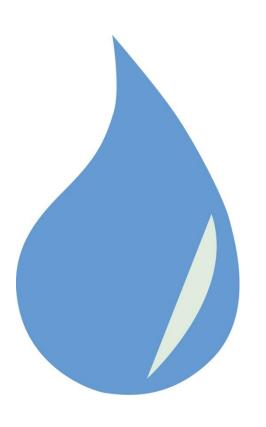
Psalm 26:6



The Shield & Sustainable Jersey



What is the Water Shield?



- National merit badge recognizing stewardship on water
- * Manageable timeframe and effective results
- * Supportive structure, and guidance to help sites succeed



What Steps Does the Shield Involve?

- * A Water Weekend
- * Follow-up steps





Water Weekend

- * Worship service on water
- * Religious education for adults, teens, children
- Distribution of household pledge form to members
- * Creating an action plan indoor and outdoor steps



What's in the Action Plan?

Light Blue Steps: Choose 5 total, 4 indoors, 1 outdoors

Dark Blue Steps: Choose 2 total, 1 indoors 1 outdoors









GreenFaith Resources Provided

- Prayers and sacred texts
- Lesson plans for adults, teens and children
- * 'Fact sheets'
- Water organizations in NJ
- Bulletin inserts/handouts
- Water facts and figures
- * Telephone and email support



The Shield and E-badge





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Outreach + Involvement of 1 faith community = Water Conservation Education Program Points



Why Do Faith-Based Groups Matter?

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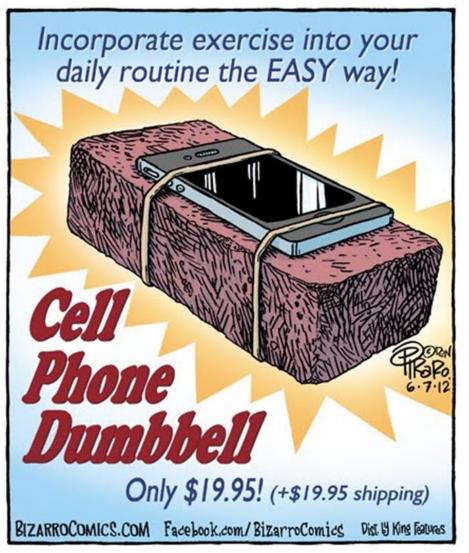
What Constitutes Outreach?

- * Letter
- Meet with clergy council
- * Direct phone calls
- * Other outlets that reach all faith communities



Tips for Success





When in doubt, call.



People of faith are everywhere—look in your team.



Yes, faith communities are competitive. Build on it.

More Information

http://greenfaith.org/programs/greenfaith-shield/

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