

## Why is a “Journey” as a small group necessary?

- Small groups are a way to build community as a viable alternative against the hyper-individualism of our society
- 8 weeks of conversation about the truth of the Climate Crisis happening at multiple levels in your church
- Creating opportunities to hear God’s call through other people’s voices, seeing through other’s lived experiences
- The core question is not whether the videos are worth 4 hours of your time (they are)
- But rather are people willing to invest 12-16 hours in this process to better understand how to respond to the Climate Crisis that their children/ grandchildren will live with everyday of their lives?



## Brief Overview of the Series

### Segment 1: The Situation we find ourselves in

- Part A: Things have really, really changed
- Part B: Some deadly serious risks are just ahead

### Segment 2: So what's stopping us?

- Part A: Old stories that are no longer true
- Part B: Those pesky human behaviors

### Segment 3: And yet there are reasons for hope

- Part A: Hope Arising out of Technology & of International Goals
- Part B: Hope arising out of ancient stories made new yet again

### Segment 4: God's Call

- Part A: So where do we go from here?
- Part B: How do we get there?

### Wisdom Sources along the Way:

Shantha Ready Alonso, Exec. Director, Creation Justice Ministries  
Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Conference Minister, UCC  
Pam Arifian, Director N.E. Regional Environmental Justice Center  
Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, Environmental Minister  
Rev. Scott Oberle, Pastor, First Congregational UCC of Downers Grove

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[Sustainingcreation.org](http://Sustainingcreation.org)

# Sustaining Creation

## – A Faith Journey for Small Groups

### An 8 Session Video Series

- *Richly Grounded in Scripture*
- *Participant Guide to lead into discussion*
- *Action Steps for Living Sustainably*

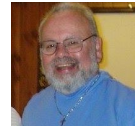


Principal Guide for the Journey:  
Rev. Dr. Terry Gallagher

Handouts, videos and  
48 tips to Sustaining Creation on website  
**SustainingCreation.org**

**Overview at a Glance**  
**8—30 Minute Videos**  
**Each with Multiple Presenters**

DVD Series is also  
available  
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Video Sequence	1.A The Situation	1.B
Title	Things Have Really -Really Changed	Serious Risks Lie Just Ahead
Scripture	Luke 12:15 Greed	JOB 38:1-8 hubris
Opening	Welcome to journey	Risk of no limits
1	Slides on current situation	Scott on impacting our neighbor
2	Scott Oberle on our kids future	Brooks Brendt Global Inequalities
3	Jim on Creation discontinuity	Florida "Carbon bubble"
4	Wrap-up look at costs of our greed	Slides on increasing risks
Wisdom Writers on Creation		Jim on need to become a diff. Church
6 New Stories		
Action Item Focus	#14 Call Gov. reps like the widow did	#11 tell others like John did
Segue to Group Discussion	XX	XX

2.A What's Stopping Us?	2.B	3.A Hope
Old Stories that are no longer work	Pesky Human Behaviors that stop us	Hope out of New Tech & co-operation
Matt 13:13 See/hear	Isaiah 1:15 Evil to good	Mark 4:3 Sow seeds
Power of Stories	Paradigm shattering	So why do this work?
Jim Antal-what is church for?	Scott—Creation Care	Slides on progress with v/o
Scott—harming Creation	Jim—being a witness for Creation	Shantha — importance of Faith voices
Shantha on wisdom of Indigenous	Pam - importance of con. w/nature	Scott —"Wow" of Creation
Story: Good Ole days before EPA	Story: Truths we know but don't talk	Washington DC video at Capital
Wisdom Writings Rebecca Solnit	Wisdom Writings Naomi Klein	Wisdom Writings Wendell Berry
Florida "sewers project"		Story: Lead, Follow or out of way
#34 Develop See/Hear the others	#29 start a sharing cooperative	#17 help the poor deal with crisis
XX	XX	XX

3.B	4.A God's Call	4.B
Hope out of old stories made new	Where does God want us to go?	How do we get there?
Psalms 24:1 God's earth	Acts 2:44 Luke 4:18-19	Luke 10 Good Samar.
Jonah is turning	Sustainable Communities	Passionate -Compassion
Scott — disconnect to reconnect	Scott —being in Community	Scott —God's call
Brooks —the 3 great loves	Pam —making a commitment	Brooks — unique gift of Church
Pam —getting kids to care	Brooks on Creation Justice	Pam — shining hope from youth
Shantha — 3 great wishes	Shantha on persistence	Jim —being an Acts 2:44 community
Wisdom Writings Kathleen Dean Moore	Wisdom Writings Bill McKibben	Wisdom Writings Thomas King
Story: The day Grandpa got arrested	Story: Thin Spots of Life	Story: Being a burning bush
27 Challenge your church	44 Focus on Community	48 Paris but faster
XX	XX	Where will we meet again?



Richly Grounded in Scripture



Participant's Guide to lead discussions

48 Actions Steps for Living Sustainably

