December Highlights:

We are Connected! Thank you to all who joined us as we paused in December to celebrate the great green work that Faith in Place and our partners are doing together. At our Annual Celebration in Central Illinois, 120+ folks, representing 12 Green Teams in Central Illinois, experienced the strength that people of faith bring to environmental justice work. Our annual IMPACT video is available here. And the very special message from Eco-Ambassador Lupe Bueno is shared here. Thanks to everyone who “Got Connected” in 2018. We love working with you!
Be Resolved in January!

Winter Time is Preparation Time for Growers and for Green Teams!

Seed Catalogues help farmers and gardeners dream about what the next growing cycle will bring. Has your green team set aside a time to dream and plan for this year's Green Success? Invite your Green Team Coach to join you and lay the groundwork for a record "harvest" of EarthCare impact in the year ahead.

Monarch Watch offers Milkweed Starts APPLY NOW

If your organization qualifies, Monarch Watch will provide a free flat of 32 milkweed plugs as well as guidance on how to create a new habitat or enhance an existing garden. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has provided funds for this project. Applications will be reviewed in the order that they are received.

Don't Delay

Forever Wild Grant Applications Open for your Native Plant Project - Jan. 15 - Feb. 15

Make your dream of a rich, bio-diverse landscape real! Your house of worship could be awarded up to $500 to purchase plants that nurture the species that belong where you are. Plan it and make it happen, right outside your door!
Can We Be Fair in Dealing with Climate Change? Thoughts by Jalees Rehman, Board of Directors

We're excited to share a guest blog from Jalees Rehman—a cell biologist and physician scientist who regularly writes about science, culture, religion, philosophy and history on his blog The Next Regeneration. He is also a German Muslim who serves on the Board of Faith in Place. He has kindly allowed us to republish an excerpt of his blog post "Shared Responsibilities for Climate Change Mitigation" originally published on November 28, 2018. To read the full article, please visit his blog.

New Policy Director Will Lead Faithful Citizen Workshops

The Rev. Scott Onque' has joined Faith in Place and is looking forward to preparing Faithful Citizens to advocate for environmental justice and public health, both in Springfield and "In District". Important challenges and opportunities include: FEJA 2.0, ethylene oxide hazards in neighborhoods, coal ash contamination of ground water, and more. Contact your Outreach Director to schedule a Faithful Citizens Workshop for early in 2019.

Chicago Solar Technician Screening, Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 10 AM - 2 PM. Safer Foundation, 808 S. Kedzie Drive, Chicago

Do you know someone who is ready for a new opportunity? The JOBS in Future Energy Jobs Act are happening, and this event is one way people can get on board. Read about it here, and share the link with those who might be interested. We want to make Illinois a leader in Clean Jobs!
Wesley Methodist Literary GREEN Tea - January 27th, 2-4:30 PM, West Lounge

Nothing like curling up with a good book on a cold winter's day! Get a head start at this event, which features short reviews of recent environmentally-themed reads to inform and inspire you. Also includes Q & A and GREAT refreshments. Don't miss it!

Join!