A High Calling: Making Environmental Ministry Central to a Church’s DNA

Friday, June 10
10am-3:30pm
Susquehanna University

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Green Justice Ministry Team

Whether it is taking on climate change or addressing lead poisoning, Environmental Ministries could not have a higher purpose or calling than they do now. If the followers of Jesus today care about the air we breathe, the water we drink, or the world in which we live, then Environmental Justice Ministry should undoubtedly be a central strand in any church’s DNA.

This workshop will focus on exploring how that can be done. We will talk about how congregations can:
- discern their calling to care for creation
- join one of the most exciting movements in the world today
- unleash imagination and creativity
- foster a deeper sense of connection to God, each other, and the world in which we live.

Before coming to the UCC national headquarters in Cleveland last year, Brooks served for eight years as the pastor of First Congregational UCC, Vancouver, Washington. In Vancouver, he was active in opposing the largest proposed oil terminal in the country. With J. Alfred Smith, Sr., he has coauthored Sounding the Trumpet: How Churches Can Answer God's Call to Justice.

Register for this seminar online when registering for annual meeting.