

Video Available for Interested Groups

The Delaware County League of Women Voters recently held a showing of the video documentary *Renewal*, which portrays stories about America's religious-environmental movement. The film, produced and directed by Marty Ostrow and Terry Kay Rockefeller, was made possible for showing through a grant from the National League of Women Voters from Oxfam and was co-sponsored by Sustainable Delaware, The Delaware General Health District, the Ecumenical Youth Group and other interested individuals.

The video is very inspirational as it explores the responses of many different faith cultures in response to the question and problem of climate change. It gave me a sense of great hope and encouragement to see what some religious groups are doing: from the Teva Learning Center providing environmental education for Jewish children, to Christians for the Mountains who work with faithful Christians to act responsibly on behalf of God's creation to Green Sangha which promotes environmental activism from a Buddhist perspective—and many, many other movements. A group that is leading the way across the country is Interfaith Power and Light which works to mobilize religious communities to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation (www.theregenerationproject.org).

"We were inspired to make *Renewal* by the countless Americans who are answering a spiritual call to confront the enormous challenges of environmental degradation," said producers Ostrow and Rockefeller. "When so many news headlines proclaim the ways that religions divide people, the heroes of our documentary truly celebrate the potential for multi-faith action to unify our communities and the world."

Copies of the video are available from the League for viewing at your church or for your interested group for discussion and ideas for action. Please contact _____ at _____. You can also visit www.renewalproject.net to see how the documentary is being used in communities across the country and for a listing of excellent resources. As one of the people in the documentary commented, "The one thing we all have in common is respect for the earth."

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