March Newsletter Announcement: you are invited to add all or part of this to your newsletter or bulletin communications with your congregation. Thank you!

RAISE
Roanoke Area Interfaith
Stewards of the Earth

RAISE (Roanoke Area Interfaith Stewards of the Earth) has resources to help you celebrate spring and care for creation!

Please take note of our new website: https://www.vaipl.org/raise, which is housed by our parent organization, Virginia Interfaith Power and Light. Are you looking for someone who can speak to your congregation about stewardship of the earth for Earth Day or another occasion? Check out our speakers' bureau! (https://vaipl.org/raise-our-speakers/)

We also wanted to let you know that RAISE will soon be releasing a Green Congregation Checklist, chock full of tips and suggestions to exhibit creation care in your own house of worship. If you are interested in trying it out, please contact us at roanokeaise@gmail.com.

Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, and many other organizations, have signed on to the campaign against the Mountain Valley Pipeline. This pipeline is unnecessary, threatens our environment and rural communities, and sets us up for future pollution that we want to avoid. It violates our faith's commitment to care for creation. We invite you to sign the petition at https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/cancel-the-mountain-valley-pipeline (also linked on our Facebook page) or look for #CancelMVP on social media.

We invite all interested congregations to participate in Faith Climate Action Week, April 16-25, 2021. This year's theme is Cultivating Connections: Food, Faith, and Climate. There will be a screening of the documentary *Kiss the Ground*, blessings of local community gardens, and more! More information is here: https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/

There will be many events and opportunities with RAISE this spring. We invite you to visit our Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/roanokeaise) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/roanokeaise/) pages to stay informed.