

# INTERFAITH OCEANS STRATEGIC PLAN

## VISION

*People of faith and science joined in caring for beautiful, stable, diverse oceans and coastal communities*

## MISSION

We seek to build collaborations between different religions and spiritual paths with ocean science and conservation to preserve and restore the oceans and their wild and human communities.

## PRIORITIES

- 1. Advocacy:** Work with religious and scientific partner organizations for climate action; marine sanctuaries; sustainable fisheries; plastic reduction and cleanup; reforestation; ocean restoration and protection.
- 2. Advocacy:** Involve more religious leaders and believers in ocean advocacy efforts to national and world leaders and conferences.
- 3. Education:** Develop the Interfaith Oceans website and Facebook page as resource centers for marine science news and faith-based teaching materials.
- 4. Education:** Develop and distribute individualized faith-ocean teaching and discussion materials for different religions, which draw upon their own leaders, traditions, Scriptures, and prophetic teachings.
- 5. Action:** Distribute the Interfaith Oceans Action Pledge to involve individuals and faith communities in transforming their values into a menu of actions.
- 6. Action:** Engage faith communities, especially their youth groups, in action campaigns (such as beach cleanups) and hands-on restoration projects with our partner ocean conservation organizations.

## OUR ETHIC

**The oceans are the Creator's and all that is in them.  
You shall not destroy the oceans, nor despoil the life that depends upon them.**

**Be humble, grateful, and in awe.  
Work to protect, restore, and renew the face of the earth.**

## OUR APPROACH

**We recognize that all of life is interconnected, and all of life matters.**  
The oceans give us beauty, joy, recreation, food, moisture, medicines, marine life, and breath. They provide good for all.

We know that as the oceans are being damaged, the poorest coastal residents and communities are suffering intensely, as are our brother and sister species.

Our world has the resources, creativity, scientific and technological knowledge to act sustainably and justly, and with love.

People of faith and spirituality must work with people of science and conservation to lead the way.

Transforming our energy choices, products, processes, and personal habits will transform our lives, communities, economies, and future for the better.

Our children and grandchildren, all people, species, and generations to come will benefit as we make needed changes.

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## OUR VALUES

### All Peoples and All Species

We know all are important and require respect and care.

### Respect for Different Faiths

We recognize the highest callings in all faiths and spiritual paths, and our common goals that bring us together. Faith needs to inspire, challenge, guide, and give meaning to our choices.

### Respect for Science

We need science to inform us of the physical realities and interrelationships, and of the potential consequences of policies and personal actions.

### The Power of Local People

We know that local and indigenous people have solutions and power, and they must be part of all policies and actions that affect them.

### Inclusive Decision-Making

We make better decisions when we listen to diverse perspectives and backgrounds.

### Prayer

We believe that prayer helps move hearts, minds, and hands to do the needed work.



**Interfaith Oceans**

*An Ethics Campaign Bridging Faith and Science*