

June 2015



Thank you for your interest in **The World Water Day Packet**

Just as supernovas celebrate the death of a star by giving forth intense light, so is The EDGE in its final days sharing its light with catalysts like you. The EDGE is offering sample programs which we designed and sponsored throughout our history as Sunseed/The EDGE. Because of budgetary cuts, and other considerations, The EDGE needs to close its doors June 30th, 2015. Program packets, however, are yours—free of charge.

Each packet includes sample announcements to the public, an event flyer, an outline, a timeline and other how-to information as a basis for your own creativity. Please check out the Table of Contents for specifics.

The area of ecological awareness is an exploding field. Hosting programs such as this one will surely bring inspired people together and promote cutting edge solutions to care for our Earth. As an organization leader, you have the vision, the knowledge, initiative and experience to help pave a positive road for our future. Whether you feel it or not, you are helping to bring about new and healthy perspectives energized by the universe story/evolutionary consciousness.

In a very real way, you are now entrusted with this sacred enterprise:

The Mission of The EDGE
*The EDGE is a ministry which
promotes ecological consciousness,
motivating adults and youth
to interact with self and with the rest of creation
in a beneficial way.
As an educational ministry,
The EDGE promotes the spiritual and scientific discovery
that all aspects of the Universe
are interconnected as one living whole.*

Programs can be accessed beginning June 1 by contacting theedge@ssndcp.org; 262-787-1011. Until June 19th, we are happy to assist you with the implementation of this program. And after June 19th, all programs can be accessed at this site: www.ssnd.org/resources/shalom-resources but the staff will not be on hand to provide any further assistance. However, the packet is quite adequate and contains helpful samples and suggestions.

We feel privileged to have been part of this ministry and hope you do, too,

Suzanne Moynihan, SSND
Director

Laura Harvancik
Volunteer Administrative Assistant

World Water Day Packet of Information and Samples Table of Contents

Purpose of World Water Day

(The official day is March 22nd but celebrations can be held anytime around that date.)

- To help all who participate realize that water is sacred
- To remember that water is used in many religious ceremonies (i.e. baptism)
- To help all participants become aware that water is a resource that needs to be protected
- To realize how we are polluting or wasting water while at the same time to know of innovative adaptations to preserve and honor it
- To consciously join with others throughout the world who are also honoring water on this day
- To be aware of island peoples, particularly, who have lost their homeland because of rising ocean waters; to learn of harmful corporate interests which sabotage people's right to water; to know the effects of ballast waters, invasive species, global climate change and the warming of waters

For your convenience, this packet contains:

- A Welcome Letter
- A Sample Flyer
- Handouts a, b for activity***
- Information and Timeline Sheet
- Participant Prayers (2)
- Introduction to Program (on the day; contains some facts about water)
- Table of Contents

FUNDING is available from The EDGE to purchase/rent a film or print posters. Contact Tim Dewane at tdewane@ssndcp.org to request an amount.

We are available to offer you any further assistance and answer any questions about this packet until June 19th. (Contact The EDGE at theedge@ssndcp.org or call 262-787-1011.) After this date, other packets can be accessed at this link: www.ssnd.org/resources/shalom-resources; however, the staff will no longer be available for help in implementing this program other than the materials you have at your fingertips and your own creativity.

*****This is a fun and informative handout. A and B need to be copied back to back so that when the right side is flipped over, the answer to the question: *How much water is needed to grow...is visible.* For best results, cut the lines as indicated so that only one answer can be flipped over at a time from the right. The leader needs to do this cutting ahead of time.**



Thirst

A documentary about a life-threatening tension between two points of view:

- +Water as a common right of all peoples
- +Water as a commodity to be bought/sold



Who wins? Who loses?
Is there a life-giving option for all who depend on water for life?

March 18
11:30 am-1:00 pm

Notre Dame of Elm Grove
13105 Watertown Plank
Elm Grove, WI

Maria Conference Center
For reservations or info,
contact theedge@ssndcp.org
262-787-1011

\$10.00 recommended offering

This is a Brown Bag Buzz event: pack your lunch, head out to homemade desserts, hot coffee/tea/cocoa and a great discussion about a memorable film. Learn about what organizations in the local area are doing to preserve water.

Featuring a water ritual, door prize basket and recipes for "Green Clean Water" products to make your home green and clean and keep our water pure

Photos by www.morguefile.com

How much water
is needed to raise...?

Flip the tab over and find out...

1 pound of potatoes
1 pound of wheat
1 pound of carrots
1 pound of apples
1 pound of chicken
1 pound of beef

Sources:

<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/sc1.html>;

<http://www.waterfootprint.org/?page=files/home>;

<http://www.worldwater.org/data.html>

<http://www.vegsource.com/articles/factoids.htm>

24 gallons

25 gallons

33 gallons

49 gallons

815 gallons

5, 214 gallons

World Water Day Packet
Helpful Information and Suggested Timeline

World Water Day Timeline
(Water Day is honored March 22 each year)

Purpose of Program:

- To honor the preciousness of water, our most valued resource
- To help guests be aware of the different ways we are abusing our water as well as the potential we have to preserve it in better ways
- To come in touch with the reality that the water that runs in mountain streams is the same water in our bodies, that the within a waterfall is intimately connected to the water that comes out of the shower
- To strengthen a newly-birthing value that we are all interconnected as one whole planet, that Earth is a living, organic system to which we all belong

Suggested Dates	Suggested tasks to take care of
January	<p>Invite volunteers to assist you from your circle of friends, relatives, your worship community, ecology organizations in your area, senior citizens.</p> <p>Set a date that is convenient for everyone when you can all meet for approximately an hour or an hour and a half.</p> <p>Choose a date and time together as a group for the event at a nearby location in a library, a place of worship, senior center or a town hall.</p> <p>If you need financial resources, think about contacting a sponsoring group or business to cover costs, i.e. rental of a room, printing, refreshments, purchase/rental of a DVD, honorarium for speaker—<i>as applicable and if needed.</i></p>
January/February	<p>Choose theme/film for event; together outline the program in whatever way you need to</p> <p>Publicize in local paper/local newsletters</p> <p>Decide who will make flyer and how you will distribute these—online; copies can go to friends, neighbors, businesses, places of worship.</p> <p>Decide who will solicit volunteers to bake cookies or...</p> <p>Together, as a committee, set the timeline for the day to include these items: Prayerful reflection Introduction to film Film Discussion</p> <p>Sample announcements are included in packet</p>

	<p>Sample flyers included in packet.</p> <p>Each volunteer could just bake 2 dozen cookies. Leftovers could lead to a cookie exchange!</p> <p>It's best if the gathering does not go over 1.5 hours or participants get fatigued.</p>
February	<p>Review tasks assigned to make sure all was taken care of and is in readiness for your March date.</p> <p>Make sure you have access to DVD equipment and that someone who is familiar with the machinery take care of running the film.</p> <p>Decide what time all of you will arrive on the day of the event</p> <p>The number of participants you have could be anywhere from three to thirty. However few, you are helping to create positive energy towards change because of <i>your</i> positive energy!</p>
March	<p>If participants liked the event, invite them to form a group and possibly plan the next occasion. Inform them that you enjoyed the planning and that it was not difficult and did not take a lot of time from other areas of your life.</p>

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Of water flowing, rising and falling,
Sometimes advancing, sometimes receding.*

May the stream of your life flow unimpeded

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Mary Rogers, adapted from the Gaelic; secondary source: [Earth Prayers](#), edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon; 1991; Harper Collins, publishers

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World Water Day Packet Sample Prayer

INTRODUCTION: World Water Day 2014

We have been especially blessed today in three ways:

First: it's the first day of Spring! which arrived at 1:57 PM our time. The word *equinox* is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal night." Days and nights are approximately equal everywhere and the Sun rises and sets due east and west.

Secondly, it is World Water Day! World Water Day has been observed on 22 March since 1993 when the United Nations General Assembly declared 22 March as "World Day for Water".

And **third,** we are privileged to have a highly informative and enthusiastic speaker, Kimberlee Wright, the executive director of the Madison-based Midwest Environmental Advocates. She has been working statewide for more than 20 years on issues related to the protection of our natural heritage.

To lead us into her presentation, we invite you to participate in a brief reflection.

East

Rejoice for the rain that falls by night,
and soaks at once into the dry ground,
causing half-dried-up roots to swell,
and the deep cracks in the earth to close.

South

Rejoice for the great drops that fall at midday;
rejoice in the small streams,
singing on their way
from the hills down into the valleys,
to make the rivers swell
and fill the reservoirs
and supply the cities
and irrigation channels with water

West

Rejoice for the ground,
for rain, for seeds and tools,
for strength in arms and backs,
for the will to work
and for creative minds.

North

Rejoice for the glaciers, home to many species,
For their beauty and majesty,
for the secrets of our past history being revealed to
help us make wise decisions for the future.

Please be seated:

As we pray this prayer of thanksgiving, we remember

(Individuals read quotes)

1 of every 6 people in the world lacks access to safe drinking water.

Twice as many lack access to improved sanitation.

80 countries, home to 40% of the world's population, are encountering serious water shortages.

In the 1990s the number of children killed by diarrhea — the result of unsafe water and sanitation — exceeded the number of people killed in armed conflicts since the Second World War.

One toilet flush in the U.S. uses as much water as the average person in a developing country uses for a whole day's drinking, cooking, washing, and cleaning.

Knowing that too many have died of starvation, too many are distressed for lack of pure water, we pray to learn how to work together as a global community, nation and nation, to ensure that each individual and every family have enough food to sustain health, and access to pure water to ensure wholesome living. May we work together with God's guidance that the hungry may be fed and all people celebrate abundant life. Amen.

John Johansen-Berg, Great Britain

Newspaper Article

From: Sister Suzanne Moynihan, director of The EDGE
Re: Request to submit an article about an upcoming event
Date: February 13, 2015

The EDGE SSND is becoming better known for its quality programming such as the one coming up March 18th: ***Thirst***, an award-winning documentary on the struggle between water as a common right of all peoples *and* water as a commodity to be bought/sold. Those of us near the Great Lakes are particularly watchful. Invite your colleagues, friends and family. The more diverse the participation, the more lively the discussion!

March 18; 11:30-1:00 PM; Notre Dame of Elm Grove; 13105 Watertown Plank Road; Elm Grove; Maria Conference Center; donation gladly received. Email theedge@ssndcp.org or call 262-787-1011 for more information.

NOTE: Each newspaper article and any announcement needs to share:

WHO (if a guest speaker)

WHO is sponsoring the program

WHAT (the content of the program in a small attractive paragraph)

WHEN the program will be held: date and time

WHERE the program will be held, including the address and room. If people need directions, you can include these or even map.

A CONTACT NUMBER OR EMAIL in case there are any questions

Introduction to Brown Bag Buzz
Thirst
March 18, 2015

What Does Water do for You?



Welcome to all of you who are approximately 65% water! And what does that water in your body do for you? **REFER TO CHART**

March 22nd is World Water Day and we are honoring this sacred element of water today within all of creation. 97.5% of all water on Earth is salt water, leaving only 2.5% as fresh water. Of this nearly 70% is frozen in the icecaps of Antarctica and Greenland; most of the remainder is present as soil moisture, or lies in deep underground aquifers as groundwater. Only 1% is available for use by land animals and us humans.

Resources

Agriculture

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/14279-the-terrorism-of-stealth-petrochemicals> re: use of chemicals harmful to Earth and all living things—to grow food

Alternate Energies

www.greenalphaadvisors.org

www.greenenergyinitiative

www.centralWIrenewableenergy.org

www.greenenergyprograms in WI

www.midwestrenewableenergy.org

www.WIgreenenergydirectory

www.RENEWwisconsin.org

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mmcduff@warren-wilson.edu; Included Sunseed (predecessor of The EDGE in her book: Natural Saints: How People of Faith Are Working to Save God's Earth)
- See attached listing of books and DVDs for additional suggested readings
- Films can be accessed from www.youtube.com;

Biodiversity

www.nwf.org/Wildlife/Wildlife-Conservation/Biodiversity.aspx

www.project@biodiverse.org

Birds

Birds of Paradise as example of evolution:

http://www.cornell.edu/video/?videoID=2398&utm_source=cornellcast_weekly_update&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2398

Birds and Wind Energy: www.awea.org/Issues/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=856

Carbon Footprint (Tools to Measure)

www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx

<http://greenliving.nationalgeographic.com/measure-carbon-footprint-2582.html>

http://www.ehow.com/how_4900742_measure-carbon-footprint.html

<http://www.nature.org/greenliving/carboncalculator/index.htm>

Children

joann@joannmacken.com

www.weatherwizkids.com/optical

www.universestories.com

thegreatstory.org/beads-curric.pdf

www.infinityfoundation.com/univ.htm

www.forasmallhands.com/ideas-insights/cosmic-education

www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/StoryoftheUniverse.html

Conflicts

<http://www.ejatlas.org/>: details ecological conflicts throughout the world and what the resource is

Earth Day

www.earthday.net (Educators Network)

www.earthdaynetwork.org

www.pagan-wiccan-practice.suite101.com

www.earthdayconnect.org

Earth Consciousness

www.planeteearthclips

www.unmultimedia.org

https://www.youtube.com/embed/XE0aAZE0kp4?feature=player_embedded

(indicates size of Earth in comparison to rest of solar system and to largest known star)

Futurists/Paradigm Shift

www.peterrusseldreamhosters

www.frontiermentality.org

www.worldchanging.com

www.theshiftmovie.com

[International Jesuit Ecology Project \(IJE\)](#)

Food Issues

www.foodsecurity.org

www.sustainabletable.org

www.takeabite.cc/act

www.eatwellguide.org

www.eatlowcarbon.org

www.coolfoodscampaign.org

www.lovefoodhatewate.com

www.meatlessmonday.org

www.eaggrub.org

www.localharvest.org

www.foodroutes.org

www.centerforfoodsafety.org

www.growfood.org

www.icppc.pl.org

www.ran.org

www.carbonfarmersofamerica.com

www.plantphysiol.org/content/123/4/1201.full

gmo-awareness.com/all-about-gmos/gmo-fda

www.Nwei.org (Northwest Earth Institute weekly series of study guides: [Menu for the Future](#)

Global Food Waste: <http://sonnenseite.kjm4.de/r/e1a726119616ms394.html>

Gardening

There are multiple resources in book stores, libraries and on line; therefore we are not listing resources here.

General Ecology

www.NWEI.org: Northwest Earth Institute—has study books for group discussion on various topics

[https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#lmsg/solidarity-](https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#lmsg/solidarity-sustainability/pxuvPthDCek/P6EI8SVhzlsJ)

[sustainability/pxuvPthDCek/P6EI8SVhzlsJ](https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#lmsg/solidarity-sustainability/pxuvPthDCek/P6EI8SVhzlsJ) This is the Pelican and contains TONS of articles, resources and assistance in writing newsletter. It is SPECTACULAR!

Global Warming

http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/science_and_impacts/impacts/

(May 7, 2014); numerous effects of global warming)

<http://thegreatstory.org/new.html> tons of resources from Michael Dodd

www.stopglobalwarming.org

www.earthguagenews.org

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<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/around-the-world-abc-news/extreme-global-weather-unprecedented-normal-022221532.html>

Sharon Astyk: author of “Depletion and Abundance”

<http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/13231-learning-from-europes-energy> Re: Tax Tariff

United Nations Environment Programme: see global climate change

Pope Francis Encyclical (June 18, 2015)

Also check on line, in local libraries and book stores as there are multiple resources

Great Lakes

www.listentoyourlakes.org

great-lakes.net

www.epa.gov/greatlakes/index.html

www.epa.gov/greatlakes/basicinfo.html

Great Lakes Compact

www.greatlakes.org/compact

www.nwf.org/.../Waters/Great-Lakes/Great-Lakes-Compact.aspx

Labyrinth Resources

www.ispiritual.com

labyrinthsociety.org/resources

<https://labyrinthsociety.org>

Laws: Right of Nature to Exist

Center for Jurisprudence:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=halZTRtvIPw>

Living Simply

<http://ecojesuit.com/living-lightly-and-lovingly/4830/>

zenhabits.net/simple-living-mani

simply-living-simply.com

theartofsimple.net

Magazines/News

www.EcoHomeMagazine.org

www.earthpolicynews (Lester Brown)

YES Magazine

Catalyst (Union of Concerned Scientists)

Sierra

Kosmos

Mother Pelican

Mother Earth News

Mandalas

www.expressingthe self.org

www.mandalaproject.org/What/Index.html

www.hellokids.com › [Coloring pages](#)

mandalaproject.org

Nature Sites

Check out your local area

Paradigm Shift

www.ions.org

The International Society for Ec@mail.vresp.com

www.taketheleap.com/define.html

Pollution

environment.nationalgeographic.com/.../pollution-overview

www.worldwildlife.org

www.theguardian.com/environment/pollution

plastic-pollution.org

www.nrdc.org/oceans/plastic-ocean

ecowatch.com/2014/04/07/22-facts-plastic-pollution-10-things-can

Tree Planting

tree-planting.com

www.arborday.org/trees/tips/planting.cfm

www.arborday.org

www.treesforthefuture.org

Universe Story

www.storyoftheuniverse.org

www.amazon.com/The-Universe-Story-Primordial-Celebration/dp/0062508350

www.nasa.gov/externalflash/mather

www.goodreads.com/book/show/981818

www.mehstories.com/myspecial.html

<http://marcbrecy.perso.neuf.fr/history.html>

(a two minute video on the beginnings, the history of Earth, humankind, our violence and spiraling ecological decay)

<http://www.thomasberry.org/Biography/reflections.html>

Water Footprint Calculator

<http://gracelinks.org/1408/water-footprint-calculator>

<http://libertywater.com/?q=content/water-footprint-calculator>