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## Press Release

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### **Whitney Terrill Joins GreenFaith's International Fellowship Program International Initiative Trains Religious Leaders for Climate & Environmental Leadership**

GreenFaith announced today that Whitney Terrill, Environmental Justice Program Manager has been named a **GreenFaith Fellow** and will join the 2021 Class of the **GreenFaith Fellowship Program**. The Fellowship Program is the only international comprehensive education and training program to prepare religious leaders from diverse religious traditions for climate and environmental leadership. “We’re thrilled to welcome Whitney Terrill to the Program,” said Rev. Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith’s Executive Director. “We look forward to working with her to support her growth as a climate and environmental justice leader.”

Through regional caucus meetings, extensive case studies, monthly and quarterly webinars, Terrill will engage in education and training in eco-theology, community organizing, as well as climate and environmental justice advocacy. Each Fellow develops their own eco-theology and organizes religious leaders to build communities of care and resilience in response to climate and environmental injustices. Upon completion of their year in the Fellowship, they will join the Fellowship’s global network and mentor other emerging religious leaders in this field.

***“Minnesota has an important opportunity to make challenging decisions to address climate change. I am excited to be joining the GreenFaith Fellowship program at a time when interfaith actions can support a bold, justice, and inclusive vision for climate justice in the future.”*** said Terrill.

Terrill will join a class of 60 Fellows from diverse religious backgrounds, representing Jewish, Christian, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, and Indigenous Religions. The Fellows will also form regional caucuses in the United States, Latin America, Africa, Indonesia, and India.

Fellows come from a wide variety of settings, including churches, mosques, temples, universities, campus ministries, NGO's, and denominational organizations.

GreenFaith's Director of Education & Training, Rev. Abby Mohaupt, directs the Program, with support from the Education & Training Team. "This program will offer these leaders the opportunity to become well-trained leaders in climate and environmental justice issues," said mohaupt. "They will help to create communities of care and resilience that will heal people and the planet."

GreenFaith is building a global, multi-faith climate and environmental movement. Together our members create communities to transform ourselves, our spiritual institutions, and society to protect the planet and create a compassionate, loving and just world. Founded in 1992, GreenFaith is a leader in the fast-growing climate and environmental justice movement and has won national and international recognition for its work. For more information, see [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org).

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