



**Eco-Stewards Program 2017:
Richmond, VA
June 5-10**

The river flows through the midst of the city ~ Revelation 22

WATER IS LIFE:

JOURNEYING TOWARD JUSTICE ALONG THE JAMES RIVER

In solidarity, we have learned from the non-violent fierce love displayed at Standing Rock that water is sacred. Our lives depend on it, and our morality and faith demand we must steward it well if we are to love our neighbors. In the light of climate change and racial injustice, communities along the James River in and around Richmond, Virginia are actively living out this love both up and downstream in the spirit of revolutionary eco-justice. Join us this coming summer as we journey alongside them to find inspiration, faith, and creative visions as stewards of water and neighbor.

We will spend this placed-based learning week listening through the lens of faith to communities who are responding to the challenges of clean water, energy, farming and justice. Our exploration of these issues will come in the form of conversations with farmers, ethicists, scientists, activists and faith leaders – as well as community gatherings, field excursions, volunteer service, theological reflection, creative worship, and sharing of personal passions and vocational discernment. We will frame each day's activities through some theological reflection around Watershed Discipleship. And throughout the week, we will spend time creating and sharing our own Eco-Faith Journeys with one another.

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YOUNG ADULT LEADERS (AGE 20-30) THROUGH PLACE-BASED EXPERIENCES
THAT CONNECT FAITH AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**