A link to registration can be found at: http://www.umccreationcare.org

Host: Decatur First United Methodist Church on 300 E Ponce De Leon Ave, Decatur, GA, two blocks east and one block north from the Decatur MARTA station. There will also be a concurrent session for high schoolers on Saturday from 10:30am-2:30pm in collaboration with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light and Alliance for Climate Education. This Caring for Creation national conference is in its eighth year.

"Environmental Resurrection: Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters" Environmental Justice Caring for Creation Conference Tentative Schedule:

**Friday, April 24, 2015**

8:30am-noon Tours on Friday morning: Option 1: Global Growers/Decatur Tour, Option 2: Beltline and Truly Living Well Garden Tour, Option 3: Old 4th Ward Park Tour; Additional option: tour of Southface

noon-1:30pm Lunch (Keynote by Matthew Tejada and Ellen Ott Marshall– Intro to Environmental Justice from professional and biblical/theological perspective) Matthew Tejada, Director of Environmental Justice at national EPA, Ellen Ott Marshall, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Conflict Transformation, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

1:30-1:45pm Break

1:45-3:15pm Transitioning from Environmental Injustice to Environmental Justice (tools, techniques) Plenary panel speakers (mix of local/national examples; 15 mins each): Michele Roberts, Richard Moore, MaKara Rumley, Mustafa Ali, Jacqueline Echols

3:45-4:45 Workshops

Workshop 1: Ayanna Williams, Park Pride
Workshop 2: Richard Moore and Michele Roberts, Co-Cordinators of the Environmental Justice and Health Alliance
Workshop 3: Lee Harrop, Atlanta Beltline
Workshop 4: Peter Krull, Krull & Associates Socially and Environmentally Responsible Investing
Workshop 5: Ellen Ott Marshall, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Conflict Transformation, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

5-6pm Dinner (at Decatur First UMC)

6-7pm George Bandy, VP of Sustainability at Interface, Inc.; Chairman, United States Green Building Council

7-8pm Worship Celebration (music and poetry) with sermon (Reverend Durley)

Saturday, April 25, 2015

8-9am Breakfast

8:45-9am Devotional

9-10:30am Plenary (Keynote) – Speaker TBA and Dr. Olusimbo Ige, UMCOR representative

10:30-10:45am Break/Transition

10:45-11:45am Workshops

Workshop 1: Yomi Noibi, Eco-Action
Workshop 2: Carter and Olivia Ries, One More Generation
Workshop 3: Gary Harris, Emerald Cities
Workshop 4: Roy Taylor, Clerk of Quaker Earthcare Witness
Workshop 5: "On Being Your Brother's Keeper" - Thomas Pakurar, chemical engineer and co-founder of Hands Across the Lake
Workshop 6: Global Ministries Fellows panel: Cliff Bird from Fiji, Jefferson Knight from Liberia, and Susan Mullin from the US (on work in Peru)

11:45-Noon Break/Transition

Noon-1:15pm Lunch Plenary (Keynote) United Methodist Church using Connectional Paradigm to help mobilize action; panelists: Pat Watkins (missionary for Care of God's Creation; Global Ministries), Kath Stone (United Methodist Women), John Hodges-Batska (General Board of Discipleship), John Hill (Church and Society)

1:30-3:30pm Working group: Local/Regional/Annual Conference teams of people (share skills or knowledge of issues in their annual conference) (Dan Juranko, Robert Moore, Michele Roberts, Matthew Tejada, and Mustafa Ali float for guidance and support of those teams)

4-5pm Worship Service (Decatur Cemetery)

Workshop registrants can arrange their own dinner meetings and/or explore Decatur and Atlanta.
A special Saturday dinner in Decatur is planned by seminary students for all seminary student attendees.

**Sunday, April 26, 2015**

Optional: 11am-around noon Church service at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church (1660 N Decatur Rd, shuttle service available from Decatur First UMC and back after the service), with sermon by keynote speaker Michele Roberts.

**Agenda for Concurrent Youth Climate Convergence Conference on Saturday, April 25 from 10:30am-3:30pm:**

10:30 Check-in and ice-breakers

11 Welcome and opening prayer

Keynotes by Amber Nave of Alliance for Climate Education ([acespace.org](http://acespace.org)) and Kate McGregor Mosley of Georgia Interfaith Power and Light ([gipl.org](http://gipl.org))

Music Celebration

Noon Lunch

1pm Breakout Session #1:

Breakout options:

1) Creative blogging as effective climate communication tool - led by Clean Air Campaign (ACE offers this workshop at area high schools with great success)

2) Community Organizing and enlisting your friends - led by Citizens Climate Lobby

3) How can I green my youth group? Sustainable solutions for Congregations - led by GIPL

4) Art Expression as Earth Care - creating a work of upcycled art together with recycled goods - led by two local artists

2pm Breakout Session #2

Breakout options same as for the first session (choose a different session)

3pm Closing Reflections and Benediction