

Mission u Study

Climate Justice: A Call for Hope and Action

Consecutive Sundays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Study Leader: The Rev. Waveland King



Rev. King is an avid photographer and climate justice advocate.

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We hope you will consider joining us for this **free** Mission u study.
We recommend you read the book prior to attending the study.
You can purchase the Kindle version of the book from Amazon.

Registration is open on or before January 1, 2022.
Register online or send the registration form to the Registrar:
Lora Fulton, 1710 Dogwood Court, Broomfield, CO 80020.

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It is open to all adults.**

Rev. Waveland King -- Biography

I've called a lot of different kinds of environment home, over the years, and each came with its own blessings and challenges. I was born in prairie farm country, in Lawrence, Kansas, with a brother and sister enough older that they sometimes seemed like second parents. There I came to love the smells of mown grass, dusty hay bales, and fresh-turned fertile soil. When I was five, my family moved to Southern California desert country, where I experienced the playful flow of sand through my fingers and learned that some life adapts and thrives in incredibly harsh conditions by going tiny. In my junior high days, I attended a family-style boarding school in the country foothills east of San Diego, where the morning fog rolling in made islands of the surrounding hills. As a college drop-in at age 15 at St. John's College in the high desert near Santa Fe, I was amazed by the sight of snow on mesquite.

Completing my undergraduate degree at San Diego State University brought me near the Pacific Ocean, with its majesty, hidden life, and smell of seaweed and salt spray. My amazing wife Stacey and I met at a church beach event there, and we celebrated our 41st anniversary this year. While in the San Diego area, I programmed computers and managed the Extension Computer Lab at UCSD.

In 1990, Stacey and I decided to leave the big city, seeking a place where we could raise our son and daughter to be more in touch with the Earth, where we could get to know our neighbors, and where our commute was less than an hour in good traffic. So along with her parents, we moved our young family to a house in a cow pasture near Bozeman, Montana. Soon thereafter, I went into pastoral ministry, where I've now been serving for 30 years in a variety of high prairie and mountain places. Along the way, we adopted our other three daughters, and I'm currently serving the churches in Superior and Alberton, Montana.

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I first taught this Mission u class when it was first offered in 2017, and I'm really looking forward to teaching it again. Combining worship, love of creation and climate justice seems like a perfect combination of my passions and leanings. Much has been learned in the last 4 years, so we'll fill in the basic issues with more recent learnings and developments. Most of all, we'll seek ways to respond to the climate crisis by sharing God's love and justice with our communities and the world, as we study, pray, worship, and share our journeys, concerns, and hopes with one another.

