

# *LOVE THE WATER - Steps to build Community and Congregation around Water*

<p><b>Where is your water? Find your watershed</b></p>	<p>Watersheds</p>	<p><a href="http://watersheds.fernleafintereactive.com/">http://watersheds.fernleafintereactive.com/</a></p>
	<p>Topographical Map/ Watersheds</p>	<p><a href="http://www.soilandwater.nyc/uploads/7/7/6/5/7765286/watershed_delineation.pdf">www.soilandwater.nyc/uploads/7/7/6/5/7765286/watershed_delineation.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Learn your Water History</b></p>	<p>Has there been a history of positive life affirming activity in your water ways including crafts, creativity, trade and settlements? Are your lakes man-made or natural? Where are the Sites Sacred to the Indigenous Peoples' of the land?</p>	
<p><b>Walk the Path of your Water</b></p>	<p>Walking Water - Pilgrimage of your own Water Resources. This can begin as simply as taking a trip to a local lake, pond, ocean beach, stream, spring or well. Bring offerings, prayers, water songs or just your heart-felt intentions to make a new relationship with the Water. This can grow into a full Pilgrimage of walking the water from source to tap. You may seek out guides or indigenous allies to assist you in getting the best understanding of your watershed. Allow this to be a time to foster commitment to protecting these water resources for your family, your community and for the generations to come.</p>	<p><a href="http://walking-water.org/">http://walking-water.org/</a></p>
<p><b>What's in Your Water?</b></p>	<p>Testing your water. Including identifying areas along the Path of your Water that may be polluted or contaminated in some way. Is there a history of dumping industrial pollutants in that same water or nearby land?</p>	<p>CEE's Catherine Flowers recommends contacting the Environmental Science or Biology dept. at your local college or university.</p>
<p><b>Water Liturgies</b></p>	<p>Introducing water as a topic in your faith based and community activities. Study the use of water in ritual, understanding the sacredness of water in your tradition and familiarizing yourself with the traditions of others. If appropriate, host a Laudato si' study group. Create opportunities to share how We are all made out of Water. Water is Life. Understanding that protecting access to clean water is a sacred human right and an issue that concerns us all.</p>	<p><a href="https://centerforearthethics.org/resources/water-liturgies/">https://centerforearthethics.org/resources/water-liturgies/</a></p>

<p><b><i>Making Water a thing of Beauty and Reference for All</i></b></p>	<p>Water Atlas; Fountains; Community Clean Up projects; deepening research on Water Catchment Systems, and other water topics for use, conservation and protection, etc.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.guerrillacartography.org">www.guerrillacartography.org</a></p>
<p><b><i>Being a Water Protector</i></b></p>	<p>Being a Water Protector can take many forms: ceremony, community clean up projects, organizing water walks, working with others to protect your water from legislation that allows polluters to poison the water. It centers around sharing with others the importance of water, that all life is sacred, and that Water is Life. If you are looking for other ways to take action, here are three: R.O.A.R., Riverkeeper and Civil Disobedience Training - On the Frontlines of Water Protection - taking the next step.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.roarhvb.com">www.roarhvb.com</a>  <a href="http://www.riverkeeper.org">www.riverkeeper.org</a>  <a href="http://www.climatedisobedience.org">www.climatedisobedience.org</a></p>
<p><b><i>Water and Art</i></b></p>	<p>Curating art exhibits, concerts, and other performances with the theme of water. Make public murals to bring more awareness to water issues.</p> <p>Participate in Global Water Dance Day with groups in 120 countries around the world.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.middletonpress.com/arts/article/Artists-to-mark-World-Water-Day-in-Middletown-11808139.php">https://www.middletonpress.com/arts/article/Artists-to-mark-World-Water-Day-in-Middletown-11808139.php</a>  <a href="http://globalwaterdances.org/">globalwaterdances.org/</a></p>
<p><b><i>Women and Water</i></b></p>	<p>Keep your own daily practices or walks with water. Participate in events and groups with others: Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER) &amp; the Women and Water Coming Together Symposium in 2019. Share this knowledge of and appreciation of water with others.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.waterwomensalliance.org/">www.waterwomensalliance.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.spiritofthewater.org/">www.spiritofthewater.org/</a></p>
<p><b><i>Other Ways to Celebrate Water and International Days for Collective Water Education</i></b></p>	<p>International Day of Rivers, March 14  UN World Water Day, March 22  World Water Week, September</p>	<p><a href="http://www.internationalrivers.org">www.internationalrivers.org</a>  <a href="http://www.worldwaterday.org">www.worldwaterday.org</a>  <a href="http://www.worldwaterweek.org/">www.worldwaterweek.org/</a></p>