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Date: September 14, 2009

To: Faith Leaders

From: The Richland Conservation Commission and Richland Conservation District

RE: Free Interfaith Green Conference

We write to seek your involvement in an interfaith effort in Richland County to encourage people of faith to be more involved in taking care of our Earth. Specifically, we invite you and up to three of your key congregant leaders to an upcoming conference, "Caring for Creation," sponsored by the Richland Conservation Commission and the Richland Conservation District. The conference, aimed at promoting the ecumenical mandate of caring for God's Earth within the county's congregations, will take place **2:00pm – 6:30pm, Sunday, November 1st at the Ndoki Lodge at Riverbanks Zoo**. As you probably know, congregations across the nation are becoming more environmentally conscious and many congregations in Richland County have already established green initiatives.

At the conference, you will hear what other congregations are doing to conserve our resources. Speakers from natural resource agencies, conservation groups, and places of worship will offer advice and information on both making the physical place of worship less consumptive (thus reducing costs) and on ways to help your congregants be better Earth stewards in their daily life. There will be exhibits, handouts, networking opportunities and door prizes. A light dinner will be provided toward the conclusion of our program.

There is no charge for this conference but due to limited space, registrations are required by October 22nd. If you have questions or in order to register, please contact: Charlie Fisher 803-576-2080, fisherc@rcgov.us. We look forward to hearing from you.

