



Arizona Interfaith Power & Light (AZIPL) and the Storyscope Project present

Sacred Earth, Common Ground

~ Reconnecting to nature and each other through stories and songs ~

~ Affirming shared values as the basis for collective action ~

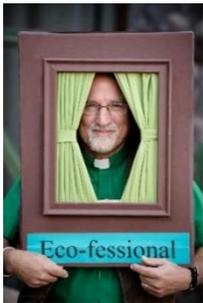
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The Earth is in crisis. To find solutions, let's begin by reconnecting with nature and each other, affirming our love for the natural world – a shared value that transcends the political divide. *Sacred Earth, Common Ground* explores this theme through performance – stories, poems, and songs by Doug Bland, John Genette, Souta Calling Last, and Kaden Sheffield – followed by story circles. The audience breaks into facilitated groups to share stories about sacred experiences in nature – those times when, like Moses at the burning bush, we found ourselves on holy ground.

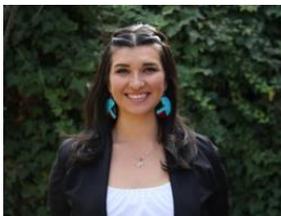


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Rev. Doug Bland is Executive Director of AZIPL, helping people of faith and conscience recognize and fulfill their responsibility for the stewardship of creation. AZIPL is mobilizing a national religious response to global warming while promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation. Doug is adjunct faculty at South Mountain Community College Storytelling Institute.

John Genette is co-founder of the Storyscope Project, a coalition of “citizen artists” who facilitate story circles to foster inclusive communities. A Research Fellow at ASU’s Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, John is co-author of *Hot Topics, Cool Heads: A Handbook for Civil Dialogue*.



Souta Calling Last is an AZIPL board member, and founder and director of Indigenous Vision, the organization focuses on justice mapping and a citizen science project focusing on water quality, extractive industry pollution, sacred place endangerment and social and economic justice.

Kaden Sheffield (on right, with nametag) is a storyteller, poet, and musician. A retired professor, Kaden is active in Storyscope and recently earned her Certificate in Storytelling from the Storytelling Institute.

