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**Scholarship Winner Announced During Season of Creation**

*Waterspirit is pleased to announce that Kainyu Njeri of Tanzania has won the Fr. Edward J. Ciuba Scholarship for the Climate Pastoral Care Course.*

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The Season of Creation is an annual invitation for Christian communities to renew their commitment to Earth care. This period lasts from early September to early October. This year, Rumson-based nonprofit Waterspirit is commemorating by announcing the winner of the Fr. Edward J. Ciuba scholarship.

“Fr. Ed Ciuba was a champion of ecological consciousness. We are thrilled to offer this scholarship to honor the legacy of our long-time board member,” said Blair Nelsen, Executive Director of Waterspirit and course co-author.

This scholarship covers the full tuition of the Climate Pastoral Care Course, a 13-module online course that was launched in October 2022. This course equips church leaders and communities with the tools they need to understand eco-anxiety, climate grief, and other climate emotions in order to become more effective caregivers. This comprehensive course takes a deep dive into culturally-sensitive pastoral care, explores what it means to be a good pastor to climate-anxious people, and makes recommendations for particular groups (including activists, scientists, and parents).

The inaugural scholarship winner is Kainyu “Kai” Njeri of Tanzania. Ms. Njeri is a missionary who works with children. She is a systems thinker who weaves Christianity with African Traditional Religions. She is in the process of establishing a regenerative farm where she can guide children into ecological awareness and action. Ms. Njeri is excited to put the content of the Climate Pastoral Care Course to work in her missionary community and with the children she works with. She shares, “I am honored to get to weave my threads with Fr. Ciuba’s legacy and those of the Waterspirit community.”

*Waterspirit is a nonprofit center for spirituality and ecology sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, headquartered in Rumson, NJ, USA. More information is available at: <https://www.waterspirit.org/climate-pastoral-care>.*

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