ECO-JUSTICE—THE UNFINISHED JOURNEY
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Articles linking ecological sustainability and social justice.

Eco-Justice—The Unfinished Journey links ecological sustainability and social justice from an ethical and often theological perspective. Eco-justice, defined as the well-being of all humankind on a thriving earth, began as a movement during the 1970s, responding to massive, sobering evidence that nature imposes limits—limits to production and consumption, with profound implications for distributive justice, and limits to the human numbers sustainable by habitat earth. This collection includes contributions from the leading interpreters of the eco-justice movement as it recounts the evolution of the Eco-Justice Project, initiated by campus ministries in Rochester and Ithaca, New York. Most of these essays were originally published in the organization’s journal, and they address many themes, including environmental justice, hunger, economics, and lifestyle.

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Evolving Identities, Competing Loyalties, and Shifting Boundaries
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