Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC)

Helping 11 of the world’s major faiths develop environmental plans to protect the living planet

www.arcworld.org
GPN launch, Assisi 2011
The $28$ members
8 major faiths groups
over 20 pilgrim cities worldwide
Pilgrim cities and places become models of care for the environment

Pilgrims leave a positive footprint on the earth
Maha Kumbh Mela

100 million Hindu pilgrims: largest pilgrimage in the world
Annual carbon emissions from flights of Hajj pilgrims

- Over 650,000 tonnes of carbon produced by Indonesian pilgrims
- 4,000 hectares of new forests each year to offset their travel
Pilgrimage in India

- World’s largest pilgrimages
- Half of all pilgrimages worldwide
- 250 pilgrim sites of 5 different faiths
Kumbh Mela
Green Pilgrimage Network
India

- Greening waste
- Greening sanitation
- Greening buildings
- Greening transport
- Greening food and accommodation
- Sharing solutions
Exhibition on GREEN PILGRIMAGE
18th February to 1st March 2014
Organised by C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre, Chennai

Hindu Environment Week
Plant more Trees

Sikh Environment Day

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Save trees, plant trees!
Save Water
Save Life

FEEL THE VALUE OF ONE DROP OF WATER WHEN YOU ARE DYING
Amritsar
Amritsar Foundation Day
6 July 2013

Amritsar: My City My Pride My Amritsar

Marking 440 Years of Amritsar
The Green Pilgrimage Network

- Partnerships for a green pilgrimage place
- Faith group and local authority draw up action plan for a green city
- Faith group draw up green theology
- Faith responsibility to care for the environment
Towards a greener Hajj

- No plastic bottles
- No plastic bags
- Use environmentally responsible travel agents
- Only one Hajj visit
- Plant a tree
- Care for the environment on your return
SEMINAR NASIONAL DAN PELUNCURAN BUKU HAJI RAMAH LINGKUNGAN

NATIONAL SEMINAR AND LAUNCH ON THE GREEN GUIDE FOR HAJJ

Kampus Universitas Nasional, Kamis 14 Juni
Best practice from Indonesia

• Wide-bodied aircraft for pilgrims
• Reduced length of time pilgrims stay in Saudi
• Locally produced cloth bags
• Reusable water flasks
• Environmentally friendly floor mats
The Green Pilgrimage Network

- Local, sustainable food
- Local accommodation
- Local handicrafts
- Local traditions
Trondheim
Local GPN hubs

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