

JOHN FRANCIS

- AKA the "planetwalker"



- While living in San Francisco, he witnessed a terrible oil spill in 1971. It made him so sad, he decided to stop driving his car.

- he walked everywhere from then on, crossing the continental USA and even walking/sailing through the Caribbean and South America.

- his mission: bridge political boundaries + connect people to Earth.

- after encountering many people who argued against his mission, John took a vow of silence. He kept it for 17 years!

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

- born into slavery in Missouri sometime in the 1860's.



- Known as the "plant doctor" as a child, Carver was a talented botanist, farmer, and artist. - He worked as a scientist and promoted regenerative growing methods to farmers. - He taught how to respect and care for SOIL, and transformed agriculture in our country!

MORE RESOURCES:
- environmentaljustice.org



• Visit the George Washington Carver National Monument if you're ever in Missouri!

• Planetwalker: 17 Years of Silence, 22 Years of Walking by John Francis

BLACK HEROES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

(an incomplete list)



HAZEL M. JOHNSON

"the mother of environmental justice"

- actual mother of 7



* Johnson became an activist after discovering her housing project was built on top of a toxic land fill! * Many residents were ill w/ cancer or respiratory diseases. * She organized her neighbors to fight for safe living conditions for low-income families