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What Can We Do as a Congregation?

The climate crisis is vast, complex, and can be terrifying. Yet, there is a plethora of good actions religious communities may choose from to become involved. In this session there are four areas of Creation Care in which the church can be active: Liturgical, educational, active stewardship, and collaboration with local eco-justice work. Together we can make a real difference in this very real climate crisis.

Session 4 of "BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO CREATION CARE AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS"

I. Include Creation Care in your liturgy.

HOW CAN YOUR CONGREGATION BETTER INCLUDE CREATION CARE IN YOUR LITURGY?

- What are you already doing?
- Have you celebrated Earth Sunday or the Season of Creation?
- If not, is this something you might want to consider?
- If you do, are there ways that it could be more powerful?
- Do you include prayers for Creation in the Prayers of the People?
- Are there ideas that you would like to share with your church leadership?

LITURGICAL



Seasons and Special Occasions

- Rogation Sunday
- Earth Sunday
- Season of Creation

II. Offer educational sessions.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE OR CAN YOU DO TO EDUCATE YOURSELF AND OTHERS ABOUT CREATION CARE?

- What educational activities or events around creation care and climate change have you attended?
- What have you particularly enjoyed?
- What has your congregation offered?
- What might you consider doing?
- What would your friends enjoy – what would be fun?

EDUCATIONAL

- Studies
- Workshops of all kinds
- Composting, canning, beekeeping, water conservation, drought tolerant gathering, green dining, bread-making, videos/films



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"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." —Nelson Mandela

III. Green your church – stewardship in action.



How much carbon does your congregation normally use?

STEWARDSHIP

- (Greening the Church)
- Take the Episcopal Creation Care Pledge
- PLEDGE TO CARE FOR CREATION
- As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, we long to grow loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with the whole of God's Creation. Together, we pledge to protect and renew the Earth and all who call it home. Together, we are living the Way of Love and make this commitment to specific actions.

IV. Collaborate with local green groups.



Church with solar panels.

YOUR RESPONSE?

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