Menu for Action | FOR CONGREGATIONS

Congregations are encouraged to choose one or more of these actions on their path to being faithful stewards of the environment. Actions could also be incorporated into your religious education program.

### Forming

1. Organize a spiritual outdoor experience/nature walk
2. Host an environmental movie night
3. Host a workshop on the intersection of faith and environment
4. Offer a Creation Care study based upon your faith
5. Offer a sermon on environmental issues
6. Organize an environmental book study group
7. Organize an “Inspirational Tour” looking at existing green projects
8. Lead a spiritual fast from plastics such as bottled Water, plastic bags and plastic straws.
9. Educate about gardening and healthy lawn care for the environment

### Caring

1. Organize recycling at your congregation
2. Install rain barrels or a rain garden
3. Organize and participate in a tree planting
4. Coordinate a congregational stream cleanup or neighborhood trash pickup
5. Remove invasive plant species
6. Install a community garden on congregation grounds to benefit your congregants or to donate the food
7. Design conservation landscaping
8. Conduct an audit of chemicals at the congregation and properly dispose of them

### Going Forth

1. Involve other congregations, the neighborhood, or general public in any Forming or Caring activities
2. Hold a native tree/plant training and sale
3. Spearhead and participate in multi-congregational storm drain stenciling/labeling
4. Spearhead a multi-congregation stream cleanup or neighborhood trash cleanup
5. Join or attend a city committee or Mayor and City Council meeting
6. Spearhead an inspirational outdoor experience with other congregations or community
7. Take action to advocate for clean water. Contact your state or local representative and/or write a letter to the editor

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What Is The One Water Partnership?

Supporting Faith Communities in Healing Our Local Waterways

Heeding the Call

The One Water Partnership is a growing movement of faith communities, environmental non-profits, and government agencies coming together to reshape the way we think about local waterways and foster a new era of healing and respect for the natural world which nurtures every one of us with the blessings of life.

A Network of Support

The One Water Partnership provides support for faith communities as they heed the call for environmental leadership in many ways:

Education:

The One Water Partnership connects congregations with speakers, film series, and other environmental education programming that can be hosted by your congregation.

Leadership Development:

The One Water Partnership provides training for congregational lay leaders to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to help shepherd their congregation toward a path of stewardship.

Project Support:

The planet needs faith communities to be leaders and set the example when it comes to stewardship. This can sometimes mean taking on big projects like installing solar panels, converting congregational grounds into a natural landscape, or preventing stormwater running off of rooftops and parking lots from reaching local waterways. The One Water Partnership connects faith communities with resources and experts in your own community that can help you tackle these big projects.

Funding:

The One Water Partnership also provides grant writing support to congregations and seed money to help them fund their environmental practices. To date, the One Water Partnership has helped raise over $250,000 for congregational projects!

To Learn More,

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