

Menu for Action

FOR HOWARD COUNTY CONGREGATIONS



Congregations are encouraged to choose one or more of these actions on their path to being faithful stewards of the environment.

Congregation Name: _____

Forming: Build your congregation's knowledge and commitment

1. Host a spiritual outdoor experience/nature walk

2. Organize an environmental movie night, book study group, or scripture study

3. Host a workshop on "Faith and the Environment" or "How to Talk About Climate Change"

4. Participate in Faithful Green Leaders Training to start or support your congregational Green Team

5. Host a sermon on environmental issues

6. Host an "Inspirational Tour" of existing green projects and bay-friendly landscaping techniques

7. Incorporate environmentally themed programming into your Youth Group, Sunday school, or Vacation Bible School

8. Sign the IPC Partner Congregation Pledge to celebrate, respect, and revere the Earth's blessings

9. Connect holiday celebrations with creation care themes

Caring: Put your knowledge into practice

1. Adopt habits that help reduce waste such as zero waste or recycling

2. Install a rain garden, cistern, rain barrels, treat or remove impervious surfaces

3. Organize and participate in a tree planting

4. Clean up trash at a local waterway, park or neighborhood

5. Remove invasive plant species to help local wildlife

6. Install a community garden on church grounds to benefit your congregants, or to donate the food

7. Design and install a conservation landscape to improve wildlife habitat

8. Explore how to reduce energy use at your congregation and home or solar/community energy

9. Partner with nearby Homeowner Association to install bay friendly landscaping on community property

Going Forth: spread the message

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 or environmentally themed mural

5. Spearhead a multi-congregation stream cleanup or neighborhood trash cleanup

6. Collaborate with other faith communities to host a nature walk or spiritual outdoor experience

7. Host an environmental advocacy workshop; 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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