

"A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal." ~ POPE FRANCIS (LAUDATO SI', 2015)

Covenantal Partners Program

A spiritually facilitated path to ecological renewal



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Covenantal Congregations
share
the same concerns, and
covenant to heal the Earth
together.

Interfaith Partners
for the Chesapeake (IPC)
facilitate
your renewal process.

Technical Partners
facilitate your
action.

Covenantal Congregations Receive:

- **A facilitated "mini-retreat" for congregational leadership** (council, vestry, green team) to prayerfully reflect on the environmental challenges of our time and draw upon their faith teachings to renew their commitments to loving the Earth
- **Facilitated planning process** to help your congregation develop a plan of action to address a specific environmental challenge
- **6-9 months of support** by IPC and our technical partners to help your team turn the plan of action into reality

Covenantal Congregations Commit to:

- **Preparation:** 1-hour meeting with IPC to help us customize the mini-retreat for your community
- **Mini-retreat:** 3-hour mini-retreat to coalesce your vision and goals and develop your plan of action
- **Follow-through** to implement plan of action, with IPC support, over 9-month period

Participating Congregations:

Pastor Gary Dittman, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

Rev. Dell Hinton, Gwynn Oak UMC

Pastor Barry Hargrove, Prince of Peace Baptist Church

Rev. Joseph L. Muth, Jr., St. Matthew Catholic Church

Barbara Metz, Coordinator of Social Ministry, St. Matthew Catholic Church

"Most valuable was the visioning session – so often we don't take time to reflect on the spirituality behind our care for Creation. IPC has provided us with rich avenues and resources to support our environmental ministry."

OPENINGS AVAILABLE for 4 More Congregations!

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