

Menu for Action | FOR LANCASTER



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

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, review [Chesapeake Bay Journal](#), the "Green It" plan and local watershed plans, or a creation care 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. Offer educational programming about drinking water, environmentally friendly gardening and lawn care or other environmental topic referencing Lancaster County Conservation District's education tab for [program guide resources](#)
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
10. Hold workshop encouraging members to apply for grants to install rain gardens, dry wells and conservation landscaping.



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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 through [Save It! Lancaster](#)
3. Organize and participate in a tree planting or maintenance through [Lancaster Tree Tenders](#) or become a [Riparian Ranger](#)
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 using [Lawn Conversion Program](#) converting monoculture lawns into bird and butterfly friendly gardens and apply for National Wildlife Federation "SacredGrounds" certification
8. Explore how to reduce energy use at your congregation and home or solar/community energy

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