



IPC'S PARTNER CONGREGATION PLEDGE

As a community of faith, we are called to honor our sacred bond with our Creator, serve as good stewards of the land and waters of the Chesapeake, and sustain the life and health of all creatures.

THROUGH OUR WORDS AND
ACTIONS, WE PLEDGE TO:

*Celebrate, respect, and revere
the Earth's blessings*

*Demonstrate good stewardship
in how we manage our land
and facilities*

*Engage members of our
community in the work of
caring for the environment.*

*Embrace the mission of Interfaith
Partners for the Chesapeake to
work together to protect and
restore our shared watershed*

Congregations can
sign the pledge at,



www.InterfaithChesapeake.org

ROOTED IN FAITH AND HOPE, WE WILL
TAKE ACTIONS TO:

- **Educate** ourselves on ways to live in harmony with the Earth and teach our congregations to be faithful stewards of the Earth and thus magnify our impact, reduce our impact on the Earth at our facilities and within our institution, restore our watershed through cleanups, reducing pollution, and restoration
- **Promote** local, state, and federal policies that protect natural resources for generations to come.
- **Reinforce** our commitment as part of our liturgical calendar.
- **Cultivate** leaders among our members who will champion watershed stewardship. Use our financial, volunteer, and other resources to help in this work to restore the Earth.
- **Build** connections with our broader community and share the message of restoration and respect of the Earth beyond our congregation.
- **Advocate** for all communities to have access to a healthy environment.
- **Display** this pledge so community members and visitors are inspired to take action.

We do all of this with gratitude for the creation which sustains all life. May we be guided by grace and compassion so that our actions may restore the beauty and balance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed - and all the Earth. May our efforts give inspiration to others, calling them toward a path of respect and reverence for all God's creation.

***We are an Interfaith Partner
for the Chesapeake.***



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CHESAPEAKE**

WHY SIGN THE PLEDGE?

Signing the pledge signals your congregation's commitment to environmental stewardship, enjoins you to a network of faith congregations working to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and helps us grow this movement.

Other benefits of signing the pledge include:



Assistance in implementing projects and applying for grants



Recognition as an environmentally conscious congregation



Connection to other partner congregations for cross-congregational collaboration



Ability to promote congregational events through IPC

WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR GREEN TEAM?

IPC offers free Faithful Green Leaders Training sessions to help strengthen your congregation's green team. This is a great opportunity for partner congregations to acquire the knowledge, skills, tools, and support they need to lead their communities in raising awareness and restoring the waters of the Chesapeake region. Learn more about upcoming training offerings at www.interfaithchesapeake.org/events

