

Greening Congregation Annual Plan Template

Use this annual plan outline as a guide to help you in the yearly renewal process.
Under each Green Field are suggestions to assist in your planning.



Congregation Name Annual Plan for 20XX

MISSION STATEMENT

Insert your mission statement as a guide for your congregation's greening activities.

GREEN TEAM MEMBERS

*Please include names and contact information for each person involved with your creation care group.
This allows us to contact you with pertinent information.*

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Email Address

GREEN FIELDS

WORSHIP AND LITURGY

- ✓ *Attend and encourage others in your congregation to attend Earth Ministry's Celebration of St. Francis in the fall*
- ✓ *Special worship services during Earth Month*
- ✓ *Music, decoration and liturgy focus on caring for creation*
- ✓ *Ecological message in prayers, litanies, and readings*
- ✓ *Bulletins, newsletters, and announcements*
- ✓ *Outdoor worship*

EDUCATION

- ✓ *Greening Tips in the Sunday bulletin or church newsletter*
- ✓ *Green themes for Sunday School, Vacation Bible school and other children's events*
- ✓ *Study groups centering on sustainability issues*
- ✓ *Special creation-awareness events: info fairs, book readings, guest speakers*
- ✓ *Create a Greening Congregation page on church website*

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- ✓ *Transportation efficiency, such as a carless Sunday*
- ✓ *Food sustainability: vegetarian option at church dinners, bread from local bakery, shade grown, fair-trade coffee; becoming a CSA drop off site*
- ✓ *Kitchen: reusable coffee mugs, post-consumer paper products, recycling and composting*
- ✓ *Environmentally friendly cleaning supplies*
- ✓ *Reuse inserts for weekly bulletin*
- ✓ *Energy conservation*
- ✓ *Water and conservation care*
- ✓ *Landscaping and grounds care: create a wildlife habitat on grounds*
- ✓ *Green building and remodeling*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ *Hands-on conservation projects: habitat restoration, community clean ups, electronic recycling events, etc*
- ✓ *Show a film on environmental issues*
- ✓ *Nature hikes and other field trips*
- ✓ *Encourage congregation members to engage with the local community in advocating for creation care*
- ✓ *Eco-justice efforts*

FAITHFUL ADVOCACY

- ✓ *Host forums to explain and discuss current environmental issues*
- ✓ *Contact elected officials through emails, letter writing, calls, attending a lobby day or an in-district meeting*
- ✓ *Distribute and collect comment cards or signatures*
- ✓ *Speak out for creation care at public hearings*
- ✓ *Attend advocacy events with Earth Ministry in Olympia*