

Pastoral TOOLKIT

Ways to make Creation Care part of the spiritual life of your community.



This Green Churches toolkit is for pastoral team members, ordained and lay ministers. It presents a summary of the resources on our website. The green team of your faith community will be able to draw inspiration from these materials to develop an action plan and an environmental policy.

To begin the brainstorming process, have each member of your faith community complete the **Opinion Poll**. Analyzing the survey results will enable you to focus your efforts: some groups begin by creating creation-centered prayers and liturgies (**spirituality**), others prefer to view a film on the environment followed by a discussion (**education**) while others take the practical approach of replacing styrofoam cups with ceramic mugs and purchasing fairtrade coffee for their meetings (**action**).

Go further

by improving the way you manage your religious building with adoption that reduce your **footprint** on Creation and **save money**, as outlined the

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The *Green Churches Network* provides practical tools to Christian communities who want to improve their environmentally friendly practices. These tools oriented towards action, education and spirituality enable them to successfully integrate the ministry of Creation care into their day-to-day church life.



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GREEN CHURCHES TRAINING

A one-day launch into Creation Care to help your church move ahead.

A dynamic one-day training to dive into the foundations of the Ministry of the safeguard of Creation. Explored: Biblical themes, examples of activities to integrate in Christian community like the first actions to ask.

Participants

This one-day workshop is intended primarily for church staff (clergy, pastoral associates), but also for interested volunteers. It can be adapted for use by any denomination. You may invite a facilitator to come your area to guide the training session. A trainer will travel to your area to deliver the training.



GREEN CHURCHES WORKSHOP

A one-hour launch into Creation Care

This intense one-hour workshop stimulates interest in the protection of creation and highlights its coherence with the Christian life of faith. Workshop participants will leave with a host of ideas to energize their community.

Participants

This one-hour workshop will benefit all church members, clergy as well as volunteers. It can take place at most events. It adapts very well to all Christian denominations. A facilitator can travel to your area to offer the workshop or **you can order the DVD to guide you through this activity.**



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Organize a talk. Find a speaker.



One day, Jesus said: "No man is a prophet in his own country." (Mt 13:57). This is often the case when a member of the faith community rises to mobilize others (as prophets do) become involved in saving God's Creation. People don't always listen. Solution: Invite a prophet who doesn't come from your area!

The Green Churches Network has launched a speakers' corner which can refer you to qualified speakers. Locate topics and corresponding speakers in the list provided on our website. This service only provides contact information and is not responsible for organizing your event.