

SEASON OF CREATION



A toolbox ready to download :

- Calendar with daily actions
- Poster
- Prayer Guide
- Fundraising Guide
- Spirituality Activity
- Education Activity
- Action Activity

In August 2017, the *Green Churches Network* launched for the first time the Season of Creation Toolbox. We are the only organization in Canada to offer such a resource.

What is the “Season of Creation”?

Every year, from September 1st to October 4th, churches are called to participate in the “Season of Creation”. The World Council of Churches has been promoting this theme since 2008. This special time of year has gained popularity in Europe, and the United Church of Canada was the first to celebrate it here in Canada. Since 2017, all churches in Canada are invited to celebrate the “Season of Creation” in their faith community. The Green Churches Network is happy to offer a “box” of resources designed to make creation care more relevant and “doable” for your church.



Why September 1st to October 4th?

In 1989, Demetrios 1, Patriarch of Constantinople, dedicated the first day of the Orthodox liturgical year (September 1) to the protection of the environment. He then invited the whole Christian world to join in so that “every year on this day, we raise prayers of thanks for the great gift of the created world, prayers of supplication for its protection and salvation.” In 2015, Pope Francis named September 1st the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The “Season of Creation” closes on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (4 Oct.), a model of integral ecology who demonstrated that love for the poor, the sick and for all creatures comes from the same Source—Jesus himself.



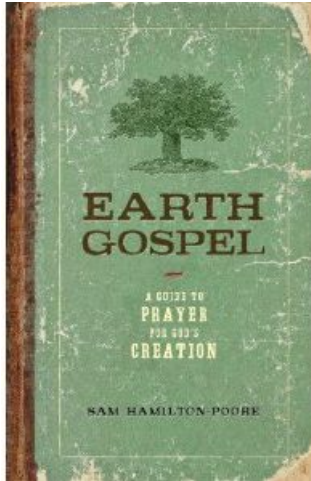
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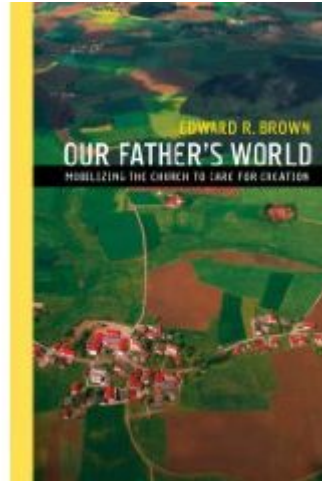
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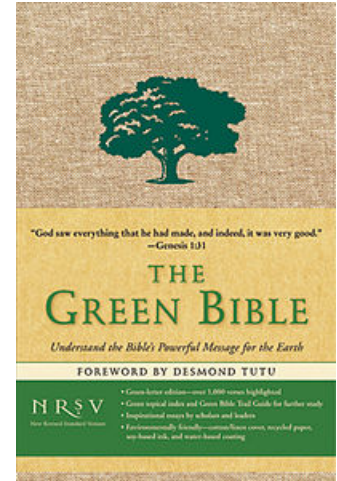
The *Green Churches* website presents a list of books below that will help you discover a small sample of what already exists on the subject of Christian ecology, spirituality of Creation and eco-theology. Do you have a book to suggest? Share it with us!



Earth Gospel : a Guide to Prayer
Hamilton-Poore, S. and Wageman, J.
Upper Room Books (2008)



Our Father's World : Mobilizing the Church
Brown, Edward R.,
Doorlight Publications (2006)



The Green Bible
by Harper Bible
Publishers (2008)

CHURCH STATEMENTS

Thanks to the collaboration of the *Green Churches* participants, we have gathered together ecclesial declarations by various church leaders and many other institutions.

"To persist in the current path of ecological destruction is not only folly. It is a sin against God and creation."

June 14, 2006, Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople



"Custody of creation is precisely custody of God's gift... guard it for if we destroy creation, creation will destroy us!"

May 21, 2014, Pope Francis, Roman Catholic Church



"Our economy is based upon a worldview that sees creation as "resource" rather than as sacred, of intrinsic worth, and "very good." We call upon our congregations and institutions to advocate for and embody a more sustainable, compassionate economy."

May 1, 2011, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada and National Bishop Susan Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



"As people of faith, we are called to view the earth not simply as a source of resources and wealth, but as a community in which we live and move and have our being."

November 26, 2009

Mardi Tindal, moderator United Church of Canada