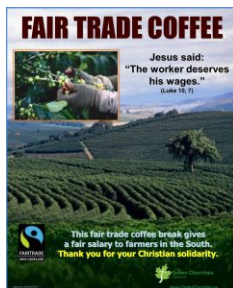


FREE POSTERS

Take advantage of a host of beautiful posters on our website to educate members of the Christian community and positively influence their behavior.



GREEN TIPS

Looking for a way to build awareness about the environment to your faith community, but with a passage from the Bible each time? You have come to the right place since we are preparing Green Tips that will be useful all year round. Check out the tips for every month that have been created to be published in your bulletins or newsletters.

March (2)

"And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily..." (Exodus 14:25)

After using your winter tires for many months, it is now time to change them for your summer tires. Make sure to inflate them properly and to check the air pressure regularly each month! Each day, in North America, we waste over one million litres of fuel due to inadequate air pressure in our tires which forces the engine to consume more fuel when we drive.

September (7)

"He ate some of the fish, and kept some to be salted." (Tobit 6:5)

Did you have a plentiful harvest this year? If so, you can extend the pleasure of eating locally year-round. Berries like strawberries, raspberries and blueberries can be frozen. But the freezer uses energy and can fill up quickly, so that's why our ancestors made preserves. Depending on the texture of the fruits or vegetables, you can make jam or pickles. Try canning tomato sauce or salsa, or pickling vegetables like cucumbers, beets, onions and peppers. Homemade fruit jam is always a treat.

CAMPAIGNS TO RAISE AWARENESS

By subscribing to the *Green Churches* newsletter, you will know which awareness campaigns can be done in your community at the best time of the year.



World Water Day
March 22



Earth Day
April 22



World Biodiversity Day
May 22



Car Free Day
September 22



CHRISTIAN ECOLOGY CALENDAR

To organize an event around an environmental theme (God's Creation)

Date	Feast Day	Activities
January (3 rd week)	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Care for Creation is a common responsibility shared by all Christian denominations.
February 14 th	Saint Valentine	Purchase fair trade chocolate and demonstrate Christian charity.
March 17 th	Saint Patrick	See God in nature. The shamrock's three lobes reminded him of the Holy Trinity.
March 22 nd	World Water Day (UN)	Promote awareness of our vital connection with water, from baptismal to drinking water.
March	Lent	Promote a 5R Lent (reduce, reuse, recycle, repair and revere).
April	Holy Saturday	Illustrate the story of Creation through a theatrical piece or a multimedia presentation.
April 17 th	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	Hold a prayer service outdoors in a field, a forest, near a lake or a river. Learn a First Nations' prayer.
April 22 nd	Earth Day (UN)	Introduce the spiritual aspect of Christian hope into the environmental movement. Ring act the church bells.
May 22 nd	Biodiversity Day (UN)	Draw energy from reading the story of Noah's Ark as God's call to protect biodiversity.
June 3 rd	Saint Kevin of Ireland	Organize a blessing of animals. Get involved in the preservation of a wildlife reserve.
June 5 th	World Environment Day (UN)	Get to know the environmental organizations in your area and support them. Invite speakers.
June 8 th	World Oceans Day (UN)	Get involved in a shoreline clean-up. Raise awareness about over fishing.
July 11 th	Saint Benedict	« Ora et Labora », pray and work . Respect the Monks who support themselves through working the land.
September 1 st	World Day of Prayer for Creation	Emphasize the theme of the "Time of Creation" in the liturgy until October 4 th . Meditate on Genesis 1&2.
Sept 1 st To Oct. 4 th	Season of Creation	Benefit from the Toolbox produced by the Green Churches Network.
September 22 nd	Car-Free Day (International)	Close off parking lots and create chalk drawings of nature. Promote carpooling to church.
October 4 th	Saint Francis of Assisi	Sing the Canticle of the Creatures. Practice voluntary simplicity. Bless the animals.
October (2 nd Monday)	Thanksgiving (Canada)	Give thanks to our Father for the harvest. Use local produce for your Thanksgiving meal.
November 23 rd	Saint Clement of Rome	Read the Letter from St. Clement to the Corinthians, chap. 20 (God and His Creation).
November (last Friday)	Buy Nothing Day	Challenge the faith community to go through the entire day without buying anything.
December	Advent and Christmas	Limit spending and overconsumption. Jesus was born homeless and visited by shepherds.