

*We are the Earth...I am the Earth...What I do matters
This is what I am called to commit to now:*

___ I pledge to Pray

I will pray for the earth, for humanity, and for guidance in my own life and practice so that I live more gently on the earth. In particular, I pledge to _____

___ I pledge to Learn

I will learn more about creation care, about the climate crisis, and about how my choices make a difference in my life, my community and the world. In particular, I pledge to _____

___ I pledge to Act

I will make changes in my own life to reduce my carbon footprint and to conserve natural resources. I will work in my community to join or create local opportunities to care for the earth. In particular, I pledge to: _____

___ I pledge to Advocate

I will participate in the civic and political process, and will vote and advocate in places of power for policies that protect and restore the earth. In particular, I pledge to _____

This pledge card is for your own purpose. But it will have more power if you are accountable to someone you trust.

With whom will you share this commitment?

Name: _____

Post this somewhere in your home or make it your screen saver! For resources in each of these areas, visit the Season of Creation page on the Diocese of Western Massachusetts Website:

<https://www.diocesewma.org/vision-ministry-statements/creation-care/season-of-creation/>

Contact the Creation Care Missioner, The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas (mbj@revivingcreation.org) with questions, or for further suggestions (her Website is RevivingCreation.org)

What in particular am I called to do?

Some examples to spark your thinking (fill out your responses on the other side of the page)

Pray

- ♦ regularly pray outdoors, making contact with the nature world. What is God saying to you?
- ♦ pray with Scripture passages that convey the sacredness of Creation (e.g. Genesis 9:12-17; Job 38 & 39; Colossians 1:15-20; Romans 8:15-25)
- ♦ invite the Spirit to help you examine your life so that you live more gently on the earth
- ♦ choose one aspect of the natural world (e.g. climate, oceans, forests, wildlife) and uphold it in prayer

Learn

- ♦ form a study group to read Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'; Bill McKibben's Eaarth; or Naomi Klein's This Changes Everything
- ♦ explore the Website for American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), "What We Know"
- ♦ receive a free daily summary of climate news in your inbox – send your request to info@climatenexus.org
- ♦ read the article, "How can faith communities address the climate crisis?" posted at RevivingCreation.org

Act

- ♦ start a Green Team (= Creation Care team) at your church (the article "How to start a green team at your church" is posted at RevivingCreation.org)
- ♦ have your church join Mass. Interfaith Power & Light (save money, save the Earth!)
- ♦ get a free Home Energy Assessment through MassSave.com (with rebates and incentives, too)
- ♦ reduce your carbon footprint. Cut back on driving, use public transportation, carpool; eat less or no meat; support your local land trust and local farm; wear a sweater, turn down the heat; hang your clothes outside to dry; plant trees; plant a community garden; install solar voltaic panels

Advocate

- ♦ Join the global climate movement to reduce global warming pollution, strengthen the economy, and create a clean energy future. Sign up for emails from 350.org, the global grassroots climate network, and learn how to get involved.
- ♦ Connect with a local group! Sign up for email newsletters from 350Mass.org for a Better Future. In the Pioneer Valley, sign up with Climate Action Now in Western Massachusetts. Check out MA Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action, Mothers Out Front, Climate XChange, Citizens Climate Lobby. Considering non-violent civil disobedience for the sake of a habitable planet? Visit ClergyClimateAction.org. Which group will become "your" group?