Resources for Creation Justice

Weave care of Creation into every aspect of your congregation's life Resources to pray, learn, act, and advocate with and for God's creation are at Episcopal Diocese of Western MA (diocesewma.org > our shared mission > creation care and climate justice) and Episcopal Diocese of MA (diomass.org > our mission > creation care). Excellent resources are also available at Southern New England Conference, UCC (sneucc.org/environmental-ministries), Creation Justice Ministries (creationjustice.org), and Interfaith Power & Light (interfaithpowerandlight.org/). Sign The Episcopal Church's Covenant for the Care of Creation, sign up for Episcopal Church Creation Care newsletter, and check out resources for climate communication and solutions (episcopalchurch.org/creation-care/).

PRAY

• **Preach it!** Speak boldly about our Gospel call to respond to the ecological crisis. Visit RevivingCreation.org for almost 100 lectionary-based creation care sermons (plus articles, books, blog posts). Visit PreachingforGodsWorld.org, the new ecumenical website for lectionary-based creation justice sermons.

• Celebrate Creation Season (Sept. 1 - Oct. 4). Celebrate the Sunday closest to Earth Day (April 22) and join IPL's Faith Climate Action Week (faithclimateactionweek.org).

LEARN

• Encourage spiritual resilience and moral action

Jim Antal, *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018) (good for individual or group study)

Leah Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, ed., *Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019), an anthology of 21 essays on courage and spiritual resilience from a range of faith traditions, with stories, study questions and spiritual practices (good for individual or group study)

• Stay informed about science and politics of climate change Subscribe to a free summary of the day's news (ClimateNexus.org).

ACT

• Lighten your carbon load The 3 priorities of climate-friendly living are energy use, transportation, and diet. If possible, live car-free or purchase a hybrid or electric car. Buy less. Fly less. If you must fly, buy carbon offsets to counteract your personal carbon footprint by helping build clean energy and carbon-reducing projects (e.g., native.eco/).

• Go vegetarian or vegan Moving toward a plant-rich diet is one of the most immediate and effective ways we can reduce carbon emissions. Eat local. Eat organic. Waste less food.

• **Restore the land and grow food** Support local land trusts and farms. Protect and plant trees. Cultivate a landscape that sequesters carbon and provides food for the homeless and low-income households. Launch projects such as composting, tree planting, habitat restoration, permaculture gardening, and growing produce for food pantries. Join the Good News Gardens Movement (episcopalchurch.org/good-news-gardens).

ADVOCATE

• Equip and mobilize people of faith to address the climate crisis Check out free resources from Blessed Tomorrow (blessedtomorrow.org), such *Let's Talk Faith and Climate* (how to communicate to people of faith about the climate crisis) and *Blessed Tomorrow Moving Forward Guide* (how to build a resilient congregation).

• Join the climate justice movement Join Faith Communities Environmental Network (FCEN), which inspires eco-justice on Cape Cod & the Islands and is part of the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (capecodclimate.org/faith/)... Join 350Mass, our grassroots climate action group in MA with a node in Cape Cod (350mass.betterfutureproject.org/)... Sign up for newsletter of Mass. Interfaith Power & Light (massipl.org/) ... Join the campaign to push the 4 biggest banks funding fossil fuels (Citibank, Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo) to stop financing climate destruction. Learn more at ThirdAct.org... If you're over 60, join ThirdAct.org (thirdact.org/) ... Join the March to End Fossil Fuels on Sept. 17 in NYC before the U.N.'s Climate Ambition Summit (endfossilfuels.us/). To join the Faith Hub of the march, fill out this form: https://actionnetwork.org/events/faith-hub-the-march-to-end-fossilfuels.

Let's do this together! Sign up for Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas' monthly newsletter, *Creation Care Network* enewsletter (RevivingCreation.org > Newsletter). Email her at mbj@revivingcreation.org. Join Creation Care Justice Network (CCJN), the growing network of Episcopalians in Massachusetts. To receive its newsletter (*Green Justice News*) and hear about meetings, email: CreationJusticeEpisMa@gmail.com