

Green Team Script

The Stewardship of Creation Task Group of the Christian Church In Kentucky is recruiting congregations to be part of its new "green congregation" initiative. This is a movement to incorporate creation care into the ministry and mission of local congregations.

What Are We Asking of Our Green Congregations?

- 1) For each participating congregation to form a 5-7 member "Green Team" to steer the initiative within the congregation.
- 2) For each participating congregation to send at least two Green Team members to a 24 hour retreat hosted by the Stewardship of Creation Task Group and the Christian Church In Kentucky.
- 3) For each participating congregation to make a two year commitment to this pilot ministry and its implementation within the life of the congregation and its community.
- 4) For each participating congregation to recruit two other CCK congregations within its District to be part of our Green Congregation movement. The time to recruitment these congregations will be built into latter stages of the pilot program.

Goals

- 1) To intentionally build a connection between spiritual practice and environmental consciousness and thus demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom.
- 2) To get every participating member to become signers and practitioners of the Alverna Covenant.
- 3) To inventory the congregation's own stewardship practices and intentionally work, where needed, to change those practices.
- 4) To build an awareness of environmental injustices (locally to globally) and work to overcome them.
- 5) To educate the members of the congregation in the theological and biblical foundations for creation care as a part of its faith formation and leadership development.
- 6) To generate a commitment to personal lifestyle changes by members of the congregation.
- 7) To motivate members to invite those beyond the church into this ministry of compassion and biblical justice for all God's creation.

Practices

- 1) To incorporate creation care themes in the congregation's worship life.
- 2) To incorporate creation care curriculum in the Christian education programs of the congregation.
- 3) To do an energy and best practices audit for the congregation.
- 4) To invite each household to do an energy and best practices audit.
- 5) To offer practical guidelines for making lifestyle changes that reflect lives lived in harmony with all God's creation.
- 6) To motivate members to invite those beyond the church into this ministry of compassion and biblical justice for all God's creation.