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HOW-TO GUIDE

Weaving Creation Care Into Parish Life and the Local Community

[St. Peter's Episcopal Church](#)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach, Florida is linking creation care and climate justice to their religious beliefs with the goal of accelerating solutions to the climate crisis.

The initiative of Creation Care at St. Peter's Episcopal Church is to weave Creation Care into the fabric of our parish life and local community in the areas of sustainability, education,

community partnerships, service, environmental justice, and worship. We make the connection that the natural world is a gift from God, for which we should show gratitude by caring for it and using its resources responsibly. One of my most deeply held beliefs is that linking creation care and climate justice to our religious beliefs can be one of the best ways to accelerate the solutions to the climate crisis.

Replicate This!

How To Get Started

1. Speak with clergy and other senior leadership about the theological importance of creation care in the congregational setting. Their understanding and support will increase the chances of a successful ministry. If possible, make overseeing creation care part of the duties of a congregational staff person.
2. Pull together a group interested in Creation Care to form a Green Team, and assess the match of specific areas of Creation Care to the congregation.
3. Pursue a few goals or programs for which the group has passion and resources. Pick some easier things for early wins. Invite participation from within and outside the house of worship, and share successes widely.
4. As goals are met, choose new ones until Creation Care is an element of all aspects of the congregation's life.