Creation Care at Christ Church Cathedral



The purpose of the Cathedral's Creation Care committee is to listen, lead, encourage, equip, and support the Christ Church Cathedral community in the ongoing work of safeguarding the integrity of God's Creation and sustaining and renewing the life of the Earth.

The goals of this work include:

- Creating, encouraging, and sustaining a network of informed individuals and organizations, dedicated to the care and protection of our church, our community, and the whole of Creation.
- Standing in solidarity with and advocacy for the most vulnerable victims of the impact of climate change, particularly women, poor people, and people of color.
- Identifying and encouraging the adoption of strategies, actions, and practices that promote living more simply, humbly, and gently on the earth.

Christ Church Cathedral is an active faith group partner of Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light.

Creation Care in the Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Church, the desire to care for God's Creation arises from a belief in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Church has named creation care as one of its principal values, encouraging creation care initiatives in the following ways:

- "Loving Formation" Sharing stories of concern for the Earth and connecting others who care
- "Liberating Advocacy" Standing with those most vulnerable to environmental degradation and climate change
- "Life-Giving Conservation" Changing our habits and choices to live more simply, humbly, and gently on the Earth

To read more about the Episcopal Church's vision for creation care, view <u>The Episcopal Covenant to Care for Creation, Putting It into Practice</u>.

Creation Care Resources

Cathedral Christian Formation Resources

<u>2023 Creation Care Lenten Study and Reflection</u>
Delivered during Lent to Creation Care Friends

<u>House of Bishops Pastoral Teaching</u> Focus of the Contemplation Class

Responding to God's Call to Care for Creation <u>Dean's Forum Presentation</u>

Justice for All Creation: Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving Dean's Forum Presentation

Teaching children about Creation Care

The Episcopal Church Foundation – <u>"Tending to the Earth with Children"</u> A list of resources through Blessed Earth

Episcopal Church Resources

<u>Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation</u>

Annual Season of Creation Celebration Guide

Expressing the Mind of the House on Climate and Our Vocation in Christ Passed during the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church

House of Bishops Pastoral Teaching

Episcopal Church's Household Carbon Footprint Calculator

52 Ways to Care for Creation from the Creation Justice Ministries

Recycling Information:

- Metro Davidson County Electronic Waste Recycling
- Metro Davidson County Household Hazardous Waste
- Publix recycling program.
- Recycling Electronics at Best Buy
- Recycling programs at Sage Refill Market
- Terracycle

<u>Green Tips from the World Wildlife Fund</u>

Green Eco Tips for Sustainable Living

Green Tips for the home from Good Housekeeping

Guide to Going Green at Home

Volunteer opportunities in the Nashville area

Cumberland River Compact
Friends of Radnor Lake
Nashville Food Project
Friends of Warner Parks
Tennessee Environmental Council

Composting Information:

- Metro Waste Services Free Drop-Off
- Composting education offered by Metro Waste Services
- Compost Nashville

Local organizations engaged in sustainability and advocacy

- Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light and its Nashville Chapter
- Climate Nashville
- Tennessee Environmental Council

Opportunities for national/international advocacy

- Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations
- Earth Justice