

Churches & Creation Care

Ideas for Getting Started



FORM A GROUP

You'll need help! Seniors, youth, pastors, engineers, carpenters . . . everyone has something to offer. You don't need to do it all.

LEAN INTO DOING

Try using this rubric:

- What does your church consume: energy, paper supplies, coffee, etc.? What impact does this have? Are there better options?
- What waste does your church produce? Where does it go? Are there better alternatives?
- Could your church grounds benefit nature? Would it be possible to tithe 10% of your space for nature? Maybe a rain garden or turn the lawn into useful habitat.
- Based on this experience, your group might want to advocate for policy changes that make it easier for nature to flourish.



THINK ABOUT YOUR CORPORATE GATHERINGS AND LITURGIES

Are there ways that these parts of church life could connect people with local plants and animals?

CONSIDER A TEACHING SERIES AS A WAY TO LAUNCH A NEW INITIATIVE

- What does the Bible say about our relationship with creation? It's more than we often think.
- Nature is an important component of many people's spirituality. There's lots to explore!
- Find the right words: What relevant terms and theological themes carry weight in your community? What new ones are needed?
- Consider listening to 'new' voices: Has your church considered what Indigenous communities and people from the global south are saying?



TRY, MAKE SOME MISTAKES, AND TRY AGAIN

You'll find your way!

Want to talk these ideas through with someone?

Connect with us at ontario@arocha.ca and we'll be happy to book a one hour consultation. It's free! Of course, when you pay-it-forward, we can help more faith communities.