



Creation Care Task Force Description of Responsibilities

You are invited to apply to serve on the Creation Care Task Force for the Diocese of Virginia. The Task Force is responsible for developing programs that meet the strategic vision and goals as per the attached document. It is the conviction of the Diocese that this group represent a depth of diversity to Creation Care experience, parish, school or organizational diversity, geographic, age, racial and cultural, as well as experiential diversity. The Task Force will be comprised of 15-20 people. Terms will be staggered so that appointments do not happen all at once. Those serving will be appointed by the Bishop.

A strategic planning retreat will be scheduled for sometime in August or September 2021.

Website: [Creation Care Task Force | The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia \(thediocese.net\)](https://www.thediocese.net/creation-care)

Email the completed form to: DioceseofVACreationCare@gmail.com

Applications must be received by **midnight on Tuesday, May 18, 2021**. Please send any questions or if you need accommodation for completing this online form to the above email.

The Creation Care Task Force (CCTF) will be responsible for:

- Celebrating the miracle and gift of God's creation.
- Meeting strategic goals as outlined in the CCTF Strategic Goals Statement (see attached)
- Creating and sustaining a network of Episcopalians in the Diocese of Virginia and beyond with a focus on providing educational opportunities, resource sharing and cultivating circles for story sharing among practitioners in local and regional ministries.
- Engaging congregations in actively adopting diocesan creation care best practices.
- Standing in solidarity with the most vulnerable victims of the impact of climate change – particularly women, poor people and people of color – in fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant.
- Claiming the Biblical and theological foundation regarding the care of God's creation by establishing opportunities for congregations to revere and celebrate creation in worship and spiritual formation.
- Keeping the website current.

Candidates for the CCTF should have:

- A passion for God's Creation and the care and nurturing of it
- A passion for seeing the strategic plan come to fruition
- The ability to respect and work with people of diverse backgrounds and opinions.
- A passion for justice in regard to Creation Care.
- The capability to commit to the outcomes and the significant time it requires to meet them.
- Willingness to take a leadership role as committees are formed.
- Desire to collaborate and willingness to expand upon and move towards new ideas.
- Willingness to reach out to develop relationships with parishes and organizations.
- An appreciation for worship and liturgy as a pathway of celebrating God's creation and a vehicle for lament, healing and hope.

Please complete the following demographic information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am interested in a 1-yr _____ 2-yr _____ 3-yr _____ term

Church/Diocesan Organization: _____

Church/Diocesan Organization Address:

Please tell us more about you.

What inspired you to want to apply?

1. What part of the strategic planning goals are you most interested in and why?
2. Does your parish or organization currently have a Creation Care/Green ministry team? Yes _____
No _____ Would like more information on forming a ministry _____
3. If you do have a CC/Green ministry:
What are your current projects and successes?
4. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

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STRATEGIC GOALS

EDUCATION

- Goal #1: Create and sustain a network of Episcopalians in the Diocese of Virginia and beyond who are dedicated to the care and protection of the whole Creation. We will especially focus on providing education opportunities, resource sharing and cultivating circles for story sharing among practitioners in local and regional ministries.
 - Research/Explore what other diocese are doing as part of their creation care efforts.
 - Be a visible presence at the Annual Convention
 - Create a speakers' bureau to provide online opportunities for learning
 - Survey churches within our Diocese to determine their involvement in the work of creation care
 - Develop and maintain a website that provides up-to-date information related to educational events and other resources

ACTION

- Goal #2: Engage congregations in actively adopting diocesan creation care best practices
 - Create and communicate list of best practices
 - Create a standard presentation and appropriate members of the committee can present to adult forums and other diocesan/parish-level events
- Goal #3: Intentionally create age, race, socio-economic and other diversity within creation care teams at both the diocesan and parish level
 - Communicate with youth leaders, regional deans, and other diocesan leaders about the work of the Creation Care Task Force and the many opportunities for engagement
 - Set targeted meetings with the above groups
- Goal #4: Stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable victims of the impact of climate change – particularly women, poor people, and people of color – as part of seeking the liberation and flourishing of all God's people.
 - Work with groups like the Virginia Interfaith Power & Light to engage clergy and congregants in advocating for policy changes that will benefit God's earth and God's people

WORSHIP

- Goal #5: Claim the biblical and theological foundation regarding the care of God's Creation and create opportunities for congregants to explore and experience that foundation through worship
 - Hold (video/zoom) Earth Day worship services
- 5. Name and recognize climate anxiety and create (find) formation resources to address this and other topics related to creation care.