

Creation Care Task Force Strategic Goals

Education

- Goal #1: Create and sustain a network of Episcopalians in the Diocese of Virginia and beyond who are educated about and dedicated to the care and protection of the whole Creation. We will especially focus on providing educational opportunities, sharing resources and cultivating circles for story sharing among practitioners in local and regional ministries.
 - Research/Explore what other dioceses 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 that 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 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
 - Name and recognize climate anxiety and create (find) formation resources to address this and other topics related to creation care.