

Spirituality and Worship	Sacred Space Activities	The Wider Community
<p>Prayers and actions concerning Creation, environmental stewardship, social justice, and human rights are often included in the forefront of public worship.</p>	<p>An earth-friendly policy based on the 5 R's is established and followed in the Sacred Space: Reverence for Creation, Reduce consumption and waste, Repair, Recycle and Re-use.</p>	<p>"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Gandhi</p> <p>The lifestyle in support of stewardship and social justice extends to the home, to the local community, to all life</p>
<p>*Make regular use of environmental-focused prayers, liturgies, hymns and/or songs in worship. *Focus on environmental stewardship issues in special services based on religious celebrations and community events (e.g. Earth Day). *Use natural materials in worship. *Hold studies pertinent to environmental stewardship that link to the faith tradition. *Place symbols of nature in the sacred space and create a garden. Use local, organically grown flowers for celebrations within the Sacred Space. *Establish a committee and notice board focusing on environmental and sustainability issues. *Explore nature-care issues in children's activities within the faith community. *Hold or support a holiday or summer camp with an environmental stewardship theme.</p>	<p>*Commit to energy and water conservation and use of sustainable energy sources. *Undertake an environmental audit and take appropriate actions re:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulation • Windows and doors • Furnace and thermostats • Fans rather than air conditioners • Energy-efficient appliances • Kitchen and Office • Compact fluorescent light bulbs and LEDs • Low flush, or where appropriate, composting toilets <p>*Use environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies and pest control methods.</p> <p>*Establish a recycle program for consumables. *Initiate a policy of using washable dishes and cutlery etc. during events and break times.</p>	<p>*Encourage members to adopt a greener lifestyle, to join community environmental projects, and to practice the 5 R's at home through articles in bulletins and newsletters provided by the faith community. *Promote and facilitate household environmental and energy audits and water conservation. *Encourage and support public policies that reflect the principles of a sustainable community (e.g. Green energy, public transportation, pesticide bans). *Support the rights of indigenous peoples to maintain their cultural and natural heritage. *Provide/support opportunities for younger people to experience how people in their own and other communities are affected by the planetary crisis and how they can work for change. *Undertake environmental projects in</p>

<p>*Participate in environmental-care services on an inter-faith basis, and/or with the wider environmental community.</p> <p>*Provide opportunities to re-connect with nature through prayer, faith reflections and retreats.</p> <p>*Include resources with a nature and environmental stewardship focus in the community's library.</p>	<p>*Install a composter for spent flowers and organic wastes.</p> <p>*Plant a Flower Garden and maintain it with rain water, compost, and no pesticides.</p> <p>*Promote fair trade through a purchasing policy and by offering fairly traded products for sale.</p> <p>*Advertise or provide clear signage of "stewardship policy" and why it has been initiated.</p>	<p>collaboration with other faith communities or local schools (e.g. naturalization of schoolyards and sacred spaces, spring clean-up, environmental projects, etc.).</p> <p>*Establish a place to collect items such as stamps, mobile phones, used printer cartridges, eye glasses, clothes, and other household items for re-use or re-cycling.</p> <p>*Promote sustainable transport, including public transit, car-pooling, car-sharing, and cycling.</p>