

Creation Care Network February 13, 2023

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Asset maps: <https://www.episcopalassetmap.org>

Grants will be given again

- Focusing on carbon neutrality – perhaps looking at churches working \$10,000-25,000
- If you know of groups that could get a grant, but need help applying, Stephanie can help those who don't have the capacity to even apply.

Grants for 2023

Projects with these purposes are requested:

1• Engage the community as partners and participants, fostering cooperation between communities of faith, civic, scientific, and educational organizations;

- Further faith formation and liturgical expressions to deepen the theological understanding of the sin of environmental racism, and theological responses to the climate emergency, including climate grief.

- Emerge from and/or partner with groups and/or regions that are vulnerable to environmental racism and climate change;

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- Project leadership reflects a diversity of experiences and backgrounds;

- Demonstrate innovation and creativity; can be used as models for communities in different contexts; • Promote churchwide learning, understanding, storytelling, and practical application;

- Connect aspects of the project to General Convention mandates as expressed through The Episcopal Church's Vision for Creation Care.

- Projects that engage with health or the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic from an environmental justice perspective.

Creation Care – TEC

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>

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UTO Grant – given to collect liturgical resources

Sacred Ground:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>

It's all about love: A festival of the Jesus Movement
July 9-12, 2023 episcopal church revival
Baltimore, MD

Blessed Tomorrow – EcoAmerica

<https://blessedtomorrow.org/blessed-tomorrow-ambassadors-training/>

Center for Earth Ethics

<https://centerforearthethics.org>

Information from Ira Leidel:

Creation Care | The Care of the Earth Is in Our Hands

The Creation Care Commission was formed in 2021 and charged to help all diocesan Episcopal churches reduce their carbon footprint. You will find monthly *Diomil ENews* posts to help your congregation get started or continue the work you have started. We are all in this together, clergy, vestry and all lay people. Support one another and share the research and organization. The future depends on us all!

How to Decarbonize Your Facility ([video link here](#))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3OEEQleffi>

A roadmap and guide to reduce your carbon footprint and save money

Creation Care, 2/23, notes updated: 2/13/23, 6 pm ET

Overview and Action Plan

- Introduction
- Decarbonize Your Church (Strategic Planning)
- What is the 1790 Tax Deduction?
- Grid Carbon Intensity – today and future
- How to Implement an Energy Savings Project

From Lella Lowe:

This will be in Phoebe's upcoming newsletter, but please check out the 2023 Creation Care Challenge from Gulf Coast Creation Care: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/01/Creation-Care-Challenge-Calendar-2023.pdf>. entitled "Food, Faith, and Climate." Signup for the daily meditations at info@gulfcoastcreationcare.org.

From Anna Shine:

<https://episcopalmaine.org/series/its-all-about-love-a-festival-for-the-jesus-movement/>