

# Deep Green Faith

## Deep Green Gospel

Light Green	Deep Green
The dignity of every person	The dignity of every living thing
All means all people	All means all living things
We thank God for our blessings	We thank God for all blessings (for all)
For us and for our salvation, He came down	For the salvation of all, He came among
Love everyone	Love everything
He took away my sins	He is taking away all sin
Go into the whole world of people	Go into all creation
When we all get to heaven	When heaven comes down for all

## Deep Green Proclamation

From Proclaiming and Teaching that:	To Proclaiming and Teaching that:
Creation's goodness is that of material gift to humankind. It is resource.	The goodness of all creation as fellow creatures in the household of God. It is kin.
Creation's praise of God is aesthetics, but not fellowship or ethics. We appreciate.	Creation as worshipping community. We enjoin.
Humanity is the pinnacle purpose of the community of creation. We are served.	Humanity as responsible leader within the community of creation. We serve.
God's covenant is with humans, with creation as backdrop. We are the community.	God's covenant is with all creation. We are in the community.
Failure results from human sin, while flourishing awaits transcendent intervention. We wait.	Humans as responsible participants in the coming of God's reign. We work.
Liberation and reconciliation of the human and non-human are separate spheres. Our gospel.	Liberation and reconciliation of all things is a single work of salvation. Creation's gospel.

## Deep Green Liturgy

Light Green Dance	Deep Green Dance
Salvation celebration words and symbols as for humans only. God blesses us.	Salvation celebrated for all creation. God blesses all.
Creation appreciated in music and words for beauty and service only. We give thanks for.	Creation appreciated as fellow and kindred participants. We give thanks with.
Assembly organized for human participation only. Creation is decoration.	Assembly organized for inclusion of creation. Creation is congregant.
Symbols limited to human concerns, oblivious of creation's implications. Cut flowers.	Symbols inclusive of creation's concerns. Live flowers.
Praise framed as "about" creation, separate from human praise. We use our voice.	Praise conjoined with creation. We join our voice.
Prayers of concern and appreciation of humans only. We are silent about the trees.	Prayers of concern and appreciation of larger creation. We speak for the trees.
Creation excluded from worship space. Dualism between body and spirit, earth and heaven. Separation.	Creation included and welcomed in space. Unity of body and spirit, earth and heaven. Solidarity.
Possessive of creation, symbols of control and management. Convenience and control.	Partners with creation, symbols of inclusion and partnership. Welcome and sharing.

## Deep Green Community

Light Green	Deep Green
A "green" committee on the edges	A full church practice
A "green" ministry among others	All ministries are green
Issue: Organizing for material management	Issue: Organizing for spiritual relationship
Changes focused on stewardship of things	Changes focused on fellowship of creation
Disconnected habits of church life	Congruent habits of church life
Actions unsupported by sacrament, music, prayer and preaching	Actions supported by sacrament, music, prayer and preaching
Action sought without faith teaching	Action based on faith teaching
Absence of creation from the community space	Inclusion of creation within the community space
Motivations driven by crisis	Motivations driven by mission