

CREATION TIPS: EVENTS AND ADVOCACY

There are endless amounts of action that we can take in our homes and places of worship that can promote the better treatment of Creation, both our siblings in Christ as well as the rest of the created world.



1 VISIT CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES' ACTION CENTER

Each month, the Creation Justice Ministries team will update www.creationjustice.org/action with a new set of timely events, advocacy opportunities, and education resources. Set a reminder to check this website monthly, and take the actions that are possible for you and your community.

2 #OPTOUTSIDE THIS BLACK FRIDAY

Some families depend on the deep discounts on Black Friday and Cyber Monday to be able to afford essentials. For many, though, Black Friday and Cyber Monday can become a frenzy of consumer culture and unnecessary purchases. If you need to make a purchase on a discounted item, please do so with intention. If you don't need to make a purchase, consider joining the movement to go for a walk: #OptOutside & #FindYourPark. This alternative can allow you to use the precious holiday season to spend quality time outdoors.



3 OBSERVE WORLD WATER DAY MARCH 22

World Water Day is a great time for your congregation to think about their water usage. Think about what water means to you and your church. What might water mean for others around the world? How can your congregation use water more responsibly?



4 PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN FAITH-ROOTED ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

Participate in the annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days, a conference with over 40 co-sponsoring Christian organizations. The conference connects Christian communities nationally to worship, learn timely issues, develop leadership skills, and take action for justice. Learn more [here](#).



5 OBSERVE EARTH DAY SUNDAY IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

Find great resources for the upcoming year and past years at Earth Day Sunday. Use this time to center you and your congregation in the creation and in awe of the Creator.

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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month and there are many ways to celebrate and get involved. Check out these organizations who are making black history: Outdoor Afro, Black Millennials for Flint, & the NAACP Environmental and Climate Program. Environmental racism is the disproportionate burden of environmental hazards placed on people of color. Look at what [Green Action](#) and the [Climate Reality Project](#) have to say about environmental racism and the principles of Environmental Justice.



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ADVOCATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Learn about imminent threats to communities near you. Learn whose health and livelihood are most affected by local pollution issues, and who is on the front lines of counteracting the harm. If you need a place to start, check out the [Oil and Gas Threat Map](#). Join an existing grassroots organization, talk to your family and friends about environmental justice, or set up a meeting between your faith community and local environmental justice advocates to build solidarity.



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OBSERVE ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY MAY 21

The third Friday in May is Endangered Species Day. Did you know one in five species is threatened or endangered? There are many things everyday people can do to save God's creation from extinction. Check out this [link](#) to find materials to raise awareness in your faith community.



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DONATE TO A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS CARE AND JUSTICE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Our ecological crisis is a spiritual crisis. We are facing systems of greed and racism that require a moral response. Give to faith-based organizations that devote time and resources to caring for God's creation. Consider becoming a monthly recurring donor, to help the organization build a strong, predictable grassroots funding base for their work. Visit our [website](#) to find other faith-based organizations like ours.



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HONOR WORLD OCEANS DAY ON JUNE 8

Plan to honor World Oceans Day with your faith community. Check out their [website](#) for ideas. Even if you live hours from the ocean, the things you do and use can impact this amazing resource.

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LOOK AT WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

[Young Evangelicals for Climate Action](#) mobilizes young people to make a change in their communities and the nation. Visit their website to see what things are already happening in your city.

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WATCH A DOCUMENTARY ON CREATION CARE AND/OR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Some examples include faith-based films such as Behold the Earth and Renewal, as well as other educational films such as The Story of Stuff. Learn something new, and make a commitment to yourself to make a positive change in your life. You can find a great list on the resources tab on Nazarenes for Creation Care's [website](#).

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CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Take the initiative today and call, email, or write one of your state representatives regarding any creation care issue that you are passionate about. Positive environmental change starts with the individual and continues with larger-scale change. You can contact your representative by calling the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. Use this [website](#) to easily find and contact your Representatives.

Write or call your legislators to speak up for the Environmental Justice for All Act and for a future of renewable and non-polluting energy sources.



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NOVEMBER IS NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH--LEARN ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO THE PLACES WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK, AND PRAY

The second Monday in October is recognized by some as Columbus Day, and others as Indigenous Peoples' Day. November is Native American Heritage Month. These are good times to brush up on your knowledge about Indigenous Peoples. Consider using [Creation Justice Ministries'](#) Environmental Justice with Indigenous Peoples resource. Take time to acknowledge the Indigenous Peoples from where you live. Consider remembering them by name when you pray. Some questions to research are:

What is the name of the Native nation from your area?

How does this nation relate to the land and ecosystems where you live?

How are the wishes of this native nation?

Are there any personal choices or political actions I can take to be in solidarity?



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WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO SPONSOR A RECYCLING EVENT FOR ELECTRONICS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE

When the holidays come around new electronics are likely to be under the tree. Make room for the new by safely recycling the old. Too much on your plate? See if an event like this already exists in your community and attend!

