

Caring for God's Earth: a hopeful response to the climate crisis

FIELD TRIP OPTIONS



Field trips will depart from Millport Conservancy between 12 and 1pm and will return in time for the 3 p.m. workshops. Transportation is provided.

Option 1:

Community-of-faith green & advocacy projects

Visit the locations of three faith communities that are taking steps to limit their own carbon emissions and to advocate for alternatives. Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster: View the CMCL green parking lot with its porous macadam, rain gardens and pocket park surrounded by native trees, grasses, shrubs and perennials. Church of the Apostles: Their stream-side acreage includes riparian buffers, new trees, and a meadow. Sisters of the Adorers of the Precious Blood: Hear the hearts of the Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood Of Christ as they continue to practice earthcare activism through pipeline resistance and their solar farm vision.

Option 2:

Community Food, Farm Production & Native Plantings

Visit a local community garden at New Holland Mennonite Church, explore Groff Park Arboretum, and tour the Stroud Water Research Center to learn about addressing food insecurity through community gardening and conservation practices for preserving farm food production and water quality. This tour will also explore practical use of native plantings for water protection and landscaping that are resilient to local climate conditions.

Option 3: Urban Climate Resilience

This tour will visit various aspects of Lancaster's increasingly green infrastructure that is being developed as part of the city's climate action plan. Participants will learn about ways the city has begun working to mitigate carbon release and preparing for the effects of climate change. These examples may provide congregations with tools and ideas to pursue resilient and adaptive updates of their own.