

Creation Care Advocacy

- ☪ Creation Justice Ministries <http://www.creationjustice.org/>
Christian advocacy and education
- ☪ MCC Washington Memo US Climate Change Policy
https://washingtonmemo.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/wm_2019_fall-winter.pdf

Creation Care Organizations

- ☪ Evangelical Environmental Network: <https://www.creationcare.org>
- ☪ Young Evangelicals for Climate Action: <https://www.yecaction.org/>
- ☪ Au Sable Institute <https://ausable.org> is an environmental educational and research institute started by Calvin DeWitt
- ☪ Eden Vigil—an organization encouraging Creation care as part of missions: <http://www.edenvigil.org>
- ☪ The Land Institute: <https://landinstitute.org> is a research institute in Salina, Kansas, begun by Wes Jackson and dedicated to sustainable agriculture and the development of perennial crops.

Climate Change: Evidence and Impacts

- ☪ Katharine Hayhoe, Christian climate scientist: <http://katharinehayhoe.com/wp2016/>
“Global Weirding: Climate, Politics, and Religion” <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi6RkdaEqgRVKi3AzidF4ow>
- ☪ Katharine Hayhoe & Andrew Farley, 2009, *A Climate for Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions*, FaithWords.
- ☪ John Houghton, 2004, *Global Warming: The Complete Briefing*, 3rd Edition, Cambridge University Press. A thorough discussion of the science behind the human impact on climate by the past director of the International Panel on Climate Change and a committed Christian.
- ☪ Greg Craven, 2009, *What's the Worst that Could Happen?: A Rational Response to the Climate Change Debate*, Penguin Group. A step-by-step approach to evaluating conflicting claims about climate change by a science teacher.



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CREATION CARE

RESOURCES AND IDEAS
FOR
CONGREGATIONS
AND
INDIVIDUALS

Creation Care Resources and Ideas

Our human attitudes and actions toward God's creation too often have been expressions of our sinful greed and selfish pride, rather than of our divine call to be Creation's stewards. The result has been the unsustainable use of natural resources, pollution, loss of Creation's biological diversity, and the increasing threats of climate change. These degradations of nature also are having adverse impacts on the most vulnerable and poorest human populations and nations.

As followers of Christ, and God's image-bearers, we—as individuals and congregations—need to address seriously our own complicity and work humbly toward expressing better our Creation stewardship responsibilities. In doing so, we must remember where we put our hope—not in politics, or technological fixes—but in God. Our responsibility is to do what we can: evaluate our faithfulness rather than results.

Below are listed some potential ways in which we can act, individually and corporately. Resources are listed to provide ideas, inspiration, and support.

Creation Care in Worship and Theology

- ☪ Mennonite Creation Care Network <https://mennocreationcare.org/>
- ☪ Climate change retreats and ministry <https://themennonite.org/daily-news/retreat-explores-climate-change-ministry/>
- ☪ Lowell Bliss, 2018, *People, Trees & Poverty: A Snapshot of Environmental Missions*, Kindle Edition. Previously a missionary in India, Lowell recognized the impact of environmental degradation and climate change on unreached people groups. He has established the organization Eden Vigil as a stimulus to integrating Creation care into mission work.
- ☪ Thomas H. Troeger has written two beautiful volumes with creation focussed hymns and poems: *Above the Moon Earth Rises: Hymn texts, anthems, and poems for a new creation*, Oxford University Press (2002), and *Borrowed Light: Hymn texts, prayers, and poems*, Oxford University Press (1994).
- ☪ Stan Lequire (ed.), 1996, *The Best Preaching on Earth: Sermons on Caring for Creation*, Judson.
- ☪ Edward R. Brown, 2008, *Our Father's World: Mobilizing the Church to Care for Creation*, IVP Books.
- ☪ Calvin B. DeWitt, 1998, *Caring for Creation: Responsible Stewardship of God's Handiwork*, Baker Books. DeWitt lists seven degradations of Creation and proposes a response.

Appreciating Creation's Beauty and Diversity

Creating Natural Spaces: Tree Planting and Gardens

- ☪ Lancaster Tree Tenders <https://www.lancastertreetenders.org/>
Provides trees/funding to increase urban forests
- ☪ Sacred Grounds <https://www.nwf.org/sacredgrounds>.
A local program for churches to create native habitats, storm water rain gardens, and pollinator gardens under the auspices of the National Wildlife Federation

Utilizing Parks, Trails, and Educational Resources

- ☪ Nature Conservancy <https://www.nature.org/en-us/>
Land and water protection and sustainability.
- ☪ Local conservancy organizations
- ☪ Pa. hiking trails: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhatToDo/Hiking/Pages/default.aspx>

Land Stewardship

- ☪ William Vitek & Wes Jackson (eds.), 1996, *Rooted in the Land*, Yale University Press. Wes Jackson was one of the earliest advocates for sustainable agriculture.
- ☪ Wendell Berry, 2015, *Our Only World*, Counterpoint Press. Berry's essays explore land and conservation, economics, and community.

Reducing Waste

- ☪ Recycling Primer: <http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-basics.html>
- ☪ Tips on using less plastic: <http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/nationalgreenweeksub/waste-reduction-tips/tips-to-use-less-plastic.html>

Increasing Energy Efficiency

- ☪ Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light <http://paipf.us/home>
Provides information on conducting energy audits and solar installation for individuals and congregations.
- ☪ PVWatts <https://pvwatts.nrel.gov/> is a free online tool developed by the National Renewable Energy Lab, estimates the amount of energy a solar array can produce in a year based on its location, size and orientation.

Food Choices

- ☪ Neighborhood/Congregational Gardens—Eating Lower on the Food Chain *More with Less Cookbook*
- ☪ Sunday morning produce donations to food banks—Community Food Pantries
~ Twin Valley Food Pantry <http://conestogamennonitechurch.org/outreach.html>
~ Lancaster BiC <http://www.lancbic.org/food-bank/>