

From the Diocesan Stewardship Commission ...

Relational Stewardship includes ALL OUR RELATIONS!

The first peace, which is the most important,
is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize
their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers,
and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit,
and that this center is really everywhere,
it is within each of us.

Black Elk, Holy Man of the Sioux

How we protect the Earth is an expression of our faith. Care and justice for all creation is a core value of The Episcopal Church. Eco-justice ministries seek to heal, defend, and work toward justice for all God's creation and to respect the kinship and connection of all that God created through education, advocacy, and action.

Never, in the history of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, has the moral imperative, environmental urgency and spiritual centeredness of the stewardship of creation been a higher priority. Our Diocese stands at the confluence of sea level rise imminence. We are called to respond for all humankind.



One of our goals is “to inspire and mobilize parishes to play a leadership role in building a just and resilient future through environmental stewardship programs”. We encourage you to access the resources that have recently been added to the diocesan website under CONGREGATIONS/STEWARDSHIP. In addition, we are searching for parishes who:

- ✎ would like assistance in growing an environmental stewardship program (some of you indicated that in a diocesan survey); or
- ✎ already have an environmental stewardship program and would be willing to share their experiences and resources with others.

If either of these describes your parish, please send your parish name, your name and contact information to diosovagreen@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration of this important ministry.