

World Day of Prayer 2018 • “All God’s Creation Is Very Good!”

Supplemental Material • Take Action Guide

By the WDP Committee of Suriname

The Women of World Day of Prayer Suriname, through their exploration of the 2018 theme “All God’s Creation Is Very Good” and Genesis 1, call us to take action to protect and care for the environment. But there are so many ways to get involved! Like the women in the skit, sometimes we are so overwhelmed we don’t know where to start. We are very lucky to have a wealth of resources at our fingertips on this topic! If you don’t know where to start, here are some ideas:

Creation Justice Ministries

(www.creationjustice.org)

Creation Justice Ministries is an ecumenical group advocating for eco-justice on a variety of issues. Their website includes different campaigns you can get involved with, as well as educational resources. Check out this one to help your church mark “Earth Day Sunday”: www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday-in-your-church.html

Interfaith Power and Light

(www.interfaithpowerandlight.org)

As its name suggests, Interfaith Power and Light helps congregations of a variety of traditions become better stewards of the Earth through careful energy use. Their website can guide your congregation to decrease your energy use (and probably save money in the long run).

Denominational Resources

The following are resources that the women of the WDPUSA board recommend from their own traditions. If yours isn’t listed, feel free to use any of these, or do an internet search for your denomination and “creation justice.”

The **United Church of Christ** offers a six-step outline to becoming a “Creation Justice Church,” including creating circles of awareness and advocacy and evaluating your church’s energy use. See www.ucc.org/how_it_works_becoming_a_creation_justice_church.

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** has a great “Caring for Creation” web page with resources for congregations to use for studying climate change as it relates to poverty and hunger, as well as resources for individuals to incorporate into their individual spiritual practices. See www.elca.org/Resources/Caring-for-Creation.

The **Episcopal Church** offers grants for creation care initiatives! Applicants must be related to the Episcopal church or working in an ecumenical coalition, including an Episcopal congregation. See dfms.formstack.com/forms/a030_grant_application.

The **United Methodist Church’s** “Caretakers of God’s Creation” website includes a list of stories of what congregations and individuals have done to protect the environment. Check it out for ideas and best practices! See www.umccreationcare.org/stewardship-stories.

The **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** offers a list of resources for incorporating eco-justice themes into your church’s worship life (www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/worship-and-eco-justice). In addition, Rebecca J. Barnes has authored *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference*, available at www.thethoughtfulchristian.com.