

Episcopal Church in Western Oregon
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CREATION CARE WORKING GROUP

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Activities Report

Through work accomplished as a result of numerous Zoom meetings and one in-person meeting, the group:

- Wrote and submitted a creation care resolution which passed with nearly unanimous support at the 2022 Annual Meeting
- Delivered a creation care presentation at a Deacons' Day gathering
- Submitted a survey to all churches and analyzed results for use in working with churches
- Created a PowerPoint presentation to be used in church visitations and other contexts
- Established a connection with the Province VIII Creation Care Network and attended a meeting as a member
- Attended various webinars related to climate change and creation care
- Began reporting to the Diocesan Digest
- Identified a number of online resources relating to creation care to offer to churches
- Applied for diocesan funds to offset transportation, printing, and other expenses
- Undertook creation care projects at members' home churches

- Designed the group's in-person meeting to function as a prototype for meetings of other diocesan groups
- Began visits to individual churches of the diocese

Expenditures

- Minimal - at this stage, members have assumed costs

2024 Goals

- Add members to the group from under-represented areas of the diocese
- Increase level of submissions to diocesan publications, and begin contributions to publications of individual churches
- Visit two or more churches in each convocation
- Connect with groups present in the diocese but outside our Church — environmental groups, other churches, civic organizations, school groups, etc.
- Lobby on behalf of moving church investment monies into environmentally-focused accounts, and work with the diocese toward accomplishing that end