

CATHEDRAL OF ST. LUKE COVENANT TO CARE OF CREATION REV. 1/18/2025

In Jesus, God so loved the *whole* world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned about the global climate emergency, drawing from a range of approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.



LOVING FORMATION

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LIBERATING ADVOCACY

For God's sake, standing alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, we will advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people.



LIFE-GIVING CONSERVATION

For God's sake, we will adopt practical ways of reducing our climate impact and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and dioceses.

CONGREGATION/MINISTRY

LOVING FORMATION: For God's sake, we will grow our love for the Earth and all of life through preaching, teaching, storytelling & prayer.

- Celebrate Earth Day and Season of Creation annually in liturgy, and youth and adult formation, including
 - a September harvest supper made with local food to raise sustainability awareness
 - a September series of nature-based experiences
 - Facilitating a 'Love God: Love God's World program at St. Luke's

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- Inform parishioners about educational events about environmental racism, eco-justice and environmental justice
- Encourage parishioners to subscribe to the [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) (EPPN) and [Maine Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) (MEPPN) to learn about and support church policy
- Plan a multigenerational environmental service project
- Continue monthly eco tips on environmental advocacy
- Advocate for local, state and federal environmental policy through letters to members of Congress and to the editors of local newspapers from the St. Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team, testimony before government bodies, as well as regular attendance at City Council meetings to support and testify for environmental sustainability relating to land use and other related issues, including support of [One Climate Future](#).

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- Compost waste through [Garbage to Garden](#), including waste from the kitchen, the food pantry and the discarded flowers
- Wherever possible, source altar flowers locally, including parishioner's gardens, especially during Season of Creation
- Continue discussing ways to reduce plastic bag use at St. Elizabeth's