

Team Mission & Policy Statement Template

_____ (*insert parish, school or organization name*)
is committed to protecting the environment and minimizing harmful impacts. We are companions with all living things on earth and take seriously our role as protectors of God's creation.

Believing that the care of creation is a central part of our life, work and mission, we will take environmental concerns into account in our mission, worship, education, training, pastoral and administrative work.

We commit to the following goals:

- We will identify environmental issues on our campus and recommend appropriate action.
- We will offer opportunities for deepening the awareness of the relationship between our faith and our call to action to care for God's creation through worship and formation.

We will set measurable goals, short and long-term, and engage all generations of _____ (*insert parish, school or organization name*) in this work.

Some of the ways we will live into these goals include:

1. We will ask our members to consider their personal impact on the environment in their daily lives.
2. We will inventory our consumption as a (*parish, school or organization*) and make shifts to vendors and suppliers that prioritize environmental considerations, including how they produce, source, package and transport materials and services.
3. We will continue to assess our campus, reducing the consumption of water and fossil fuels, updating energy-saving devices and bulbs, considering renewable energy, reducing our carbon footprint and being stewards of our land and property for wildlife to help manage and conserve biodiversity.
4. We will support and partner with churchwide initiatives for resources and encouragement, including [Episcopal Relief & Development](#), [Episcopal Creation Care](#) and the [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#).
5. We will encourage all suppliers and contractors to take environmental concerns into account in their work, and we will encourage environmentally friendly forms of transportation as appropriate and keep journeys to meeting venues close and convenient for all.

The _____ (*insert parish, school or organization name*)
Creation Care Ministry Team will meet at least twice a year to ensure continual improvement and progress, revisiting goals and maintaining our core principles. The Team will work with other leaders and ministry teams to implement and monitor these initiatives.