

## **Mission Statement**

The Creation Care Commission of Grace Episcopal Church seeks to nourish love of God's creation and to protect that portion of creation entrusted to us. In accordance with the larger Episcopal church, we pledge to carry out our mission in ways that are loving, liberating and life giving.

### **Goals and strategies:**

**Goal #1. Loving Formation:** For God's sake we will grow our love for the Earth and all of life through preaching, teaching, storytelling and prayer. It is our goal to create, sustain and inspire Grace Church to the care and protection of the whole Creation, especially by providing resources, information, formation and ways to advocate – for us as individuals, a parish community and the larger area of our watershed.

- Strategy 1: To continue to offer nature hikes for members of the church
- Strategy 2: To continue, as a group, to read and discuss books on environmental topics.
- Strategy 3: To continue to offer liturgies centered around the natural world during special occasions. For example, the environmental stations of the cross.

**Goal #2. Liberating Advocacy:** For God's sake we will stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable victims of the impact of climate change – particularly women, poor people, people of color – as part of seeking the liberation and flourishing of all God's People.

- Strategy 1: To continue to seek out and advertise opportunities for environmental activism to members of the church.
- Strategy 2: Create a land acknowledgement honoring earlier inhabitance of our area.
- Update our presence on the Grace Church website and use it to communicate opportunities for environmental activities and activism to Grace Parishioners.

**Goal #3. 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.

- Strategy 1: We will seek the resources to carry out a sustainability audit of the church's facilities.
- Strategy 2: Network with other churches to share information on environmental programs and practices.
- Strategy 3: Seek out opportunities to learn from people with alternate viewpoints on creation and environmental issues.