

2011 Parish Environmental Survey – Final Results – All Convocations (25)

1. Worship is the prime focus of Christian life from which the Church's life and mission flows. How are thankfulness and concern for God's creation expressed in your worship:

How regularly during the year are creation or environmental themes included in worship?

5 Frequently 17 Occasional services 3 Never
e.g., Rogation Sunday, Earth Day

In your parish prayer life do you:

21 Praise God the creator
10 Ask forgiveness for the harm done to the environment
21 Give thanks to God for the gift of creation
12 Pray for the healing of creation

Does your parish sing hymns or songs that celebrate the wonder of creation or express the calling to care for the environment?

9 Regularly 11 On special Sundays 4 Hardly ever

2. Christian education Church is a place where people can grow in faith from cradle to grave. Linking key topics, like environmental issues, with Christian thinking can be inspirational and faith-affirming to young and old. What opportunities are or could be available for your parishioners of all ages?

Have done	Con-sider	Not a priority	Activities
7	12	2	Hold an environmentally themed Sunday School class or Bible study
6	9	5	Invite a speaker on environmental issues
9	8	2	Provide creation-care material (e.g., "green tips") in bulletins or newsletter
10	11	3	Undertake a practical environmental project
5	11	4	Organize an environmentally focused community event or participate in a local environmental group
11	10	3	Assess how environmentally friendly the parish is and make recommendations for action
6	6	7	Promote awareness through posters, handouts, flyers

3. Stewardship of energy, resources, and maintenance issues can reduce your parish's impact on the environment and save your congregation money, particularly in the long-term. Check your parish's current environmental stewardship of property (both buildings and grounds) and the potential for doing more.

Have done	Con-sider	Not a priority	Activities
9	8	4	Commission an energy audit or environmental consultation
14	7	2	Monitor energy consumption regularly (monthly?) to check trends
24	1	0	Regularly service boiler or heating/cooling system
21	2	0	Install timer and thermostatic controls on heating and A/C systems

19	2	2	Put outside lights on timer or motion sensor
9	8	5	Install appropriate levels of insulation
16	7	1	Install low-energy light bulbs (e.g., fluorescent or compact fluorescent bulbs) where appropriate
1	11	8	Change to LED Exit signs
0	7	15	Install solar panels / solar hot water system if feasible
1	11	9	Switch to "green" electricity suppliers where available
16	4	1	Choose appropriate sized rooms for activities
10	8	4	Schedule meetings to minimize heating/cooling use
20	3	0	Encourage building users to switch off unnecessary lights and not leave items on stand-by (e.g., copier, computers)
5	8	8	Install a water meter and monitor water consumption regularly (monthly?)
21	3	0	Check water outlets and fix any drips and leaks
3	13	6	Install water-saving devices, e.g., auto turn-off taps, faucet aerators, etc.
9	9	4	Use native species in landscaping and arrange to minimize rainwater runoff from property
1	13	9	Collect rainwater from downspouts into rain barrels or divert it to rain gardens
9	11	2	Use environmentally-friendly cleaning materials & paint
8	10	3	Purchase recycled paper (to boost demand for recycled products)
18	4	2	Use permanent coffee cups (glass or ceramic) and dishes rather than disposable items
14	8	0	Recycle paper, bottles, and other items that can be recycled in your town or county
15	7	0	Use local suppliers for goods and services where possible (to promoting a sustainable local economy and reduce transportation)

4. General questions

- a. Are any of the main buildings of your parish, or parking lot, within 1000 feet of tidal water? 11 Yes 14 No
- b. Does any kind of natural waterway (stream, creek, inlet, bay, etc., excluding artificial ponds) run through or form a border of your parish property? 9 Yes 16 No
- c. Do your parish buildings use (check one)
 17 county or municipal water 8 private well water
- d. Do your parish buildings use (check one)
 19 county or municipal sewer 6 private septic system
- e. Has your parish established an environmental committee or designated an environmental liaison (point of contact) on Vestry?
 4 Yes 20 No

Completed Surveys by Convocation: North 10, Middle 10, Southern 5 (Total 25)