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Becoming an Eco-aware Church

An Introduction for Faith Communities

*'The earth is the Lord's
and everything in it,
the world and all who live in it'*
Psalm 24 v 1



What is Eco-Congregation Ireland?

Eco-Congregation Ireland is a project of the **Irish Inter-Church Meeting** that encourages churches to adopt an eco-friendly approach to all aspects of church life, including worship, lifestyle, property management, community outreach & contact with the developing world.

Our vision is to see churches celebrate the gift of God's Creation, recognise the inter-dependence of all Creation and care for it in their life and mission.

How can Eco-Congregation Ireland help?

Our **online resources** can help you as you seek to integrate environmental care into church life. Go to www.ecocongregationireland.com.

There are sections on worship, teaching, Bible studies, children's & youth work, property management, finance, purchasing & waste, personal lifestyles, community, thinking and acting globally, and an extensive climate change resource.

Why not invite us along to speak. We would love to talk to you, no matter how large or small a crowd!

How can I green my church?

Environmental measures can easily be incorporated into all aspects of church life:

Spiritual

- * Include a prayer for the environment in every Mass/church service
- * Make regular references to the need to care for God's Creation in sermons
- * Celebrate Creation Time from 1st September to 4th October every year

Practical

- * Reduce, reuse, recycle & compost
- * Use LED light bulbs & reduce thermostat
- * Use eco-friendly cleaning materials
- * Support and promote Fairtrade

Community

- * Connect with members of your local community by inviting them along to hear an environmental speaker or watch an eco-themed film. You could also organise litter picks, nature walks or tree/bulb-planting in your local area

Global

- * Support the work of a development agency working in countries where people are already impacted by climate change e.g. Trócaire, Christian Aid, Tearfund, Concern, A Rocha.

Donations

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*'But ask the animals,
and they will teach you,
Or the birds of the air,
and they will tell you;
Or speak to the earth,
and it will teach you,
Or let the fish of the sea
inform you.
Which of all these
does not know
That the hand of the Lord
has done this?
In God's hand
is the life of every creature
And the breath
of all humankind.'*
Job 12:7-10