Earth-Care Education
A Checklist for Congregations

Education can be transformative, especially when pursued regularly over a period of time. Here are some ideas from which to choose actions and activities that can foster the change of understanding and consciousness needed to restore God’s creation and to move into a new era of sustainability on Earth.

1. **Adult Education**
   - Study your denominational social statement: [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org).
   - *Theological Reflections on the Green Congregation Manual* [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org)
   - *Earthbound*: six week DVD series, each video 25-30 minutes. Christian foundations of Earth Care

2. **Children and Youth**
   - Curriculum for Sunday School
   - Curriculum for Vacation Church School: Consider ReNew at [www.wearesparkhouse.org](http://www.wearesparkhouse.org)
   - Projects for Youth Program

3. **Forums with subjects and/or guest speakers.**
   - Ecological State of the world from local scientists
   - Local ecological issues and conservation efforts
   - Local environmental organizations: gardens, restoration, and so on.
   - Community Supported Agriculture
   - Public policy and opportunities for action alerts and advocacy

4. **Study Groups**
   - Book discussion group
   - Northwest Earth Institute resources [www.nwei.org](http://www.nwei.org)
   - Simple Living, Compassionate Living, [www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org)
   - Covenant group meeting give each other support and accountability for Earth care.

5. **Workshops to conduct or underwrite:**
   - Greening your home (see checklist for personal lifestyle)
   - Greening your work
   - Greening your community. See e. g. [www.racinegreencongregations.org](http://www.racinegreencongregations.org).

6. **Retreats: for adults, families, youth, church leadership**
   - Silent meditation in natural setting
   - Time in nature with a naturalist guide
   - Time in nature with Bible study on earth care

7. **Location, location, location**
   - Learn the Earth community present on your property and in your neighborhood
   - Learn the geographical history of your region

8. **Learn Your Tradition Forums**
   - E. g. Lutheran theological and ethical foundations: [www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org](http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org)
   - Biblical resources for Earth care: [www.bibleandecology.org](http://www.bibleandecology.org).

9. **Action/ reflection**
   - When you take an action in your church or community, announce and explain it to all.
   - When you do Earth friendly worship or earth-friendly dinners, explain it to members.

10. **Use various media to convey learning:**
    - See Promotion Checklist for ideas