

# Menu for Action | FOR CONGREGATIONS

Congregations are encouraged to choose one or more of these actions on their path to being faithful stewards of the environment. Actions could also be incorporated into your religious education program.



## Forming (Level 1 Actions)

1. Organize a spiritual outdoor experience/nature walk
2. Host an environmental movie night
3. Host a workshop on the intersection of faith and environment
4. Offer a Creation Care study based upon your faith
5. Offer a sermon on environmental issues
6. Organize an environmental book study group
7. Organize an "Inspirational Tour" looking at existing green projects
8. Lead a spiritual fast from plastics such as bottled Water, plastic bags and plastic straws.
9. Educate about gardening and healthy lawn care for the environment

## Going Forth (Level 3 Actions)

1. Involve other congregations, the neighborhood, or general public in any Forming or Caring activities
2. Hold a native tree/plant training and sale
3. Spearhead and participate in multi-congregational storm drain stenciling/labeling
4. Spearhead a multi-congregation stream cleanup or neighborhood trash cleanup
5. Join or attend a city committee or Mayor and City Council meeting
6. Spearhead an inspirational outdoor experience with other congregations or community
7. Take action to advocate for clean water. Contact your state or local representative and/or write a letter to the editor

## Caring (Level 1&2 Actions)

1. Organize recycling at your congregation (Level 1)
2. Install rain barrels or a rain garden (Level 2)
3. Organize and participate in a tree planting (Level 2)
4. Coordinate a congregational stream cleanup or neighborhood trash pickup (Level 1)
5. Remove invasive plant species (Level 1)
6. Install a community garden on congregation grounds to benefit your congregants or to donate the food (Level 2)
7. Design and install conservation landscaping (Level 2)
8. Conduct an audit of chemicals at the congregation and properly dispose of them (Level 1)



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