



Mini Workshop

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As the successors of Adam and Eve, we live with the responsibility to care for God's creation. Churches must combine their resources to reconcile our choices and behaviour with favorable local and global consequences. Together let us display to our world the heart of our God who desires justice for all.

Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate to begin/enhance its involvement in environmental stewardship with other churches!

- 1. Consider** and share a time when you felt certain or uncertain about a positive impact on creation after making some 'stewardly' choices. What are some of the current ways in which your church community is demonstrating environmental stewardship? (10 min)

- 2. Review** the article "Thinking 'Green' brought them together" as deacons. Name some responsible lifestyle choices for creation care to encourage in your church members. Discuss how God may be calling your church as a body to become visibly and intentionally involved in environmental stewardship. (10 min)

- 3. Resolve** to initiate a conversation with a neighboring church to discover their interest and activities in environmental stewardship. Develop one joint activity before the end of the calendar year. (If an interest/willingness is not evident in the neighboring church, be sure to pursue another church in your community.) (10 min)

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