



# EarthCare Program Summary

## *The Path to EarthCare*

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The purpose of the program is to assist church communities in integrating an earth-oriented spirituality into their ministry. **EarthCare** helps each congregation discover what Spirit calls them to do to care for our Earth home. It guides the ways by which the **Path** is achieved. The **Path to EarthCare** includes the following seven steps:

**Pray Vision Act Inspire Learn Share Renew**

Vision Statement: All humanity lives in a spiritual consciousness that manifests as loving co-existence with all creation and care for our Earth home.

Mission Statement: To foster awareness of our spiritual oneness with the Earth and to promote active care of all creation.

### **Level A: EarthCare Covenant**

Adopt an EarthCare covenant. A covenant expresses a conscious awareness of our oneness with creation and a commitment to care for the Earth as a significant component of the ministry.

### **Level B: EarthCare Commitment**

Complete **four** steps on **The Path to EarthCare**. Two of the steps must be **Pray** and **Vision**. In addition, three actions of the **Act** Step (as outlined on Form 3, "Action Checklist") must be completed.

### **Level C: EarthCare Congregation**

Complete all seven steps on **The Path to EarthCare**, including all activities listed in the **Act Step**.

It is our experience that by completing this Level a sustainable vision of **EarthCare** will be integrated into the life of the ministry.

### **Action Checklist**

1. Create an action plan that seeks to transform attitudes and commitments by embracing concrete actions that reduce human ecological impact on the earth and contribute to justice for people affected by environmental degradation.
2. Conduct and substantially implemented the recommendations of an energy/environmental audit.
3. Practice energy conservation.
4. Establish a recycling program.
5. Minimize waste in what you purchase and consume.
6. Practice water conservation.
7. Accept stewardship of a natural resource.
8. Promote awareness of the interdependence of creation.

9. Other. This activity may be used to replace one of the above actions.

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