

## Proposed Green Card Program

The Green Card Program is designed to help people transform their ways of thinking and living according to the stated goals of our Earth Care initiative: green learning, green living, green faith, and green action. Accomplishing simple activities that enhance both learning and life can be fun, transformative, and socially responsible. Since we are all “resident aliens” in North America, the Green Card can become a “path to ecological citizenship.”

A new Green Card would be produced each quarter and distributed via the Sunday bulletin and the web site. Each card would have twelve learning tasks, one for each week of the quarter. Since there are four goals and three months in the quarter, it works out to three activities for each goal; these could also be linked to a theme or topic, e.g. energy, local food, or natural history. In short, folks would have one thing to learn/do each week, and they'd all reinforce each other. Other Earth Care program events, keyed the solstices and equinoxes and to the spirit of each season, would provide inspiration and support.

The Earth Care Team would develop the Green Card with the advice and consent of pertinent Communities and standing committees as well as volunteers from the congregation to propose, organize, and lead activities according to their gifts. Participants would keep track of their progress and gather at least once a year to share their Green Card stories.

### GREEN CARD: SAMPLE ONE-YEAR PROGRAM

2017	LEARNING	LIVING	FAITH	ACTION
JAN	Adult Encounters; Ecological Identity Workshop	Recycle your Xmas tree	Attend Earth Care worship service	Research and select a green organization to follow
FEB	Take “Where you At?” quiz	Take “Where you At?” quiz	Pray for enlightened government re climate change	Write to your representatives or officials re climate change
MAR	National Issue Forum on Climate Change	Car pool to church	Bible study; Genesis and stewardship	Visit a green building
APR	Read a book on climate change, e.g. Gore, McKibben	Carpool to church or work	Attend Earth Day worship	Nature walk: Old Growth or wildflowers
MAY	Read a work of nature writing or landscape	Plant a garden	Bible study: nature in the Old Testament	Visit Tikkun Farm in Mt. Healthy
JUN	Read Pocket Idiot’s Guide to Reducing Yr Carbon Footprint	Implement one idea from the PIGTRYCF (e.g. take the bus)	Read and meditate on G. Snyder’s “Prayer for the Great Family”	Buy at a farmer’s market
JUL	Read Pocket Idiot’s Guide to Reducing Yr Carbon Footprint	Implement one idea from the PIGTRYC (e.g. walk to the market)	Pray outdoors	Visit a park
AUG	Read Pocket Idiot’s Guide to Reducing Yr Carbon Footprint	Implement one idea from the PIGTRYC (e.g., turn AC down to 78)	Bible study: nature in the Psalms and the Gospels	Take a green vacation
SEP	Retreat	Retreat	Retreat	Retreat
OCT	Adult Encounters: Geology and the Natural Sublime	Organize photos of a trip or pilgrimage	Choose a “green saint” as your patron or insiration	Write to someone about a place sacred to you
NOV	Adult Encounters or field trip to Art Museum	Put up a picture of a sacred place or object	Submit your green saint to the “Shower of Saints”	Research your green saint’s home place
DEC	Adult Encounters: sharing our Green Card stories	Give a green Xmas gift	Bible study: nature in Advent & the Xmas story	Donate to a green organization