

Some Ideas for Taking Action...

In your Congregation

Include Earth Day component to next service:

- Announcement
- Music / Hymns
- Reflection
- Insert

Make a Ecological Justice presentation for your congregation

- All the resources from this presentation will be made available
- May 2010 Observer

Participate in the Moderator's initiative: Soul, Community and Creation

- East-West-East cross Canada Spirit Express & Town Halls begins in October 2010.
- More information at www.united-church.ca/moderator

In your Community

Create a "Green Team":

- Help your congregation become more sustainable.
- More information at www.greeningsacredspaces.net

Transition Towns

- Network aimed to equip communities prepare for climate change and peak oil, by building awareness and self-reliance
- Examples include: Community gardens, waste exchanges, repair old items
<http://www.transitionnetwork.org/>

University Campus Groups

- Network of Public Interest Research Groups working on environmental education and social justice issues
- Guelph: <http://opirguelph.media-core.com/index.php?mode=2&linkID=1&l=0>

Municipal Advocacy

- Municipal governments are responsible for numerous environmental issues including local planning, waste diversion and recycling, and provision of drinking water and sewage services.
- Advocacy can be very effective at this level but is often ignored.

At a National Level

Ecumenical Dinners with MPs: Call for Inspired Leadership

- Invite your MP to an ecumenical dinner to talk about what faith communities want in advance of the G8/G20 summit
- Priorities: address poverty, care for our earth, invest in peace.
- Interfaith Leaders' Summit: June 21-23; G8/G20 Summit: June 25-27
- Information and resources available at www.faithchallengeg8.com

Kairos

- Carbon Sabbath & Re-energize campaigns
- Financial transactions tax for adaptation funds (at the end of March)
- Educational resources (workshop outlines, worship resources, articles, etc), action items available at www.kairoscanada.org

Stand up Campaign: Make Poverty History

- International campaign for more and better international aid, better trade (for farmers), cancel the debt of the poorest countries, end child poverty (in Canada).
- Petitions, education resources, events, groups across Canada
- Information and resources available at www.makepovertyhistory.ca

What Other Alternatives can we Help Create?