



Is it time to **Get** your congregation's Earth-care efforts **Organized?**

Then join us for our next

## Green Team Training

### What will you learn?

- Facts about the current environmental crisis and how to communicate its seriousness without engendering depression and hopelessness. Ways to communicate hope
- The religious response. Reasons why a faith community should address the Earth crisis.
- How to get the support of the congregation leadership to start this ministry
- Building your Green Team. A comprehensive vision of the scope of the team
- What kind of people do you need for the team and how to recruit them
- Guidelines for getting folks to volunteer
- How to have an effective Green Team
- Rules for good meetings
- Attending to task and relationship functions in the group
- Tips for an ongoing strong green team and success in the long haul



### Why have a congregational Green Team?

- God's Earth, and thus all its people and life, is in serious trouble, and faith communities should be at the forefront of caring and action
- A Green Team, a small group of people committed to this ministry, is an ideal structure to make this happen
- Working in conjunction with congregation leadership and staff, their goal is to help the congregation engage in Earth care and sustainability, both on communal and personal levels, as part of their faith
- A Green Team, a visible part of congregational life, can help the whole congregation see itself as being "green" and be engaged in a variety of ways
- A Green Team can plan and execute activities to further environmental awareness and action in the congregation: educational programs, Earth care themes in worship, encouraging advocacy, helping members be green at home, modeling sustainability at the facility, and more
- The Green Team can network with the wider community to pool resources, collectively work together in this arena, and stay energized by being part of a wider faith-based environmental community

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