



### Participate in These Great Events

#### August 5th Program on Divestment

Join us this Monday at 7 pm  
Join the national movement to divest your personal finances from the fossil fuel industry.  
[Read More](#)

#### Green Facilities

##### Workshop *Last chance to sign up*

Wed., August 7, 8AM - 3PM  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
[Register Now.](#)

#### Electronic-Waste Recycling

*Drop off old electronics and help SSC!*

Sat., Aug. 24, 9-noon  
Village Presbyterian Church  
6641 Mission Road, PV, KS  
[More Info.](#)

#### Monthly Program Sept. 9 Tour of Project Living Proof

*See firsthand the energy improvements you can make*  
Monday, 7-8:30 pm at 4750  
Troost, KCMO [More info.](#)

#### Trivia Night & Silent Auction - SSC Fundraiser

*Save the date!*  
Sat. October 5, 6 PM  
Community Christian Church  
4601 Main St  
Kansas City, MO 64112  
[Click here for a flier.](#)

#### Clergy Workshop

*Leadership for a Green Congregation*  
Thursday, Oct. 24 11 am-3 pm  
Village Presbyterian Church  
6641 Mission Road  
Featuring presentations by  
Rev. Dr. Heather Entrekin, Rev.  
Dwight Tawney, Rev. Ted  
Pierce, and Rabbi Jeffrey  
Shron. [Click here for flier.](#)

### Inspiration

## Don't Underestimate Mother Nature. In a Fight, the Planet Always Wins



By Carol Meyer, SSC Executive Director

We've always thought--with the blessing of our scriptures--that we could dominate the Earth without serious consequences. But make no mistake about it--in a battle between Mother Nature and us, Nature will prevail! Listen to these sobering words by theologian Diarmuid O'Murchu: "In the evolutionary story-ours and that of Planet Earth-the planet always wins out. Mother Earth has an amazing resilience, a very profound intelligence, and can be quite ruthless in maintaining her integrity." [Read more.](#)

### Don't miss our monthly program

## Divestment: Do You Really Want Your Money to Support the Fossil Fuel Industry?

Monday, August 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road



Make a big difference in the future of climate change by divesting your personal and congregation funds from the big fossil fuel companies. Come learn about the growing religious participation in divestment and how you can be a part of it. Presenters are Jim Horlacher, an accredited socially-conscious investment advisor, and Steven Flanery, a local environmental activist. [Learn more.](#)

### Don't miss out! Last chance to sign up!

## Sustainable Facilities Workshop

Wednesday, August 7,  
8:30 AM - 3 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 40th and Main, KCMO

[Click here for full details and online registration.](#)



## Steps to Keep Your Debris from Ending Up in the Ocean

Three trillion pieces of plastic are estimated to be floating in the Pacific Ocean alone. As it breaks down into smaller pieces, fish ingest it and are killed. The plastic also interferes with the photosynthesis going on in the ocean and its sequestration of carbon, which contributes to global warming. We may be far from the ocean, but our trash can end up there. [Read more about what you](#)

[can do.](#)



"... Christians must take action now to reduce global warming pollution and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world whose land, livelihood and lives are threatened by the global climate crisis." ~General Board, Church and Society, United Methodist Church

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### GOOD NEWS!

#### Churches Install Solar Panels, Witness to Care of Creation

Did you know that at least a dozen local churches and religious schools/institutions have installed free solar panels (or are planning to) through Brightergy company? We hope more congregations will follow suit!

## Please Support SSC

See what SSC accomplished this past year and how past donations were put to work. [Click here to read our two-page 2012 ANNUAL REPORT](#) complete with photos and financial accounting. And click on the red button to donate.



*We have speakers and topics ready for you.*

### Planning Your Congregation's Fall Programs? Include Earth Care Topics.

We can do something basic like Biblical perspectives on care of creation or a faith-based response to climate change. We also have more specialized topics. [Check out our Speakers Bureau here and call us to book a speaker.](#)

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