

What you will learn at the **GREEN TEAM TRAINING**

1. **Facts about the current environmental crisis** and how to communicate its seriousness without engendering depression and hopelessness. Ways to communicate hope
2. **The religious response.** Reasons why a faith community should address the Earth crisis.
3. **How to get the support of the congregation leadership to start this ministry**
4. **Building your Green Team.** A comprehensive vision of the scope of the team.
 - a. What kind of people do you need for the team and how to recruit them
 - b. Guidelines for getting folks to volunteer
5. **How to have an effective Green Team**
 - a. Rules for good meetings
 - b. Attending to task and relationship functions in the group
 - c. Tips for an ongoing strong green team and success in the long haul
6. **What kinds of things should a Green Team be doing**
 - a. Setting goals and planning; looking at a broad spectrum of areas the team should attend to
 - b. Ideas for successful green initiatives in congregations; success stories from others
 - c. Addressing obstacles to this ministry and getting buy-in from as many as possible
 - d. How to market and promote your activities
 - e. Rooting all efforts in the theology, environmental statements and values of your denomination
7. **Information on good resources**
 - a. Printed materials; links to the best websites; a list of useful books and materials
 - b. Support from the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition: consultation, general meetings, website resources, email newsletter, Green Team rallies, and speakers' bureau

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