



Care of Creation

*In God's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God's also.
The sea is God's, for God made it,
and the dry land, which God's hands have
formed. - Psalm 95:4-5*

Welcome to the **TEConversations @ General Convention**. The first part of our time together features engaging speakers, poetry, music, and video. Part two is the true TEConversation, because it's when YOU share. You will have about 30 minutes in small groups to explore personal and communal hopes for living as the Jesus Movement and sharing in loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God, each other, and the earth.

Question 1 (in pairs)

What word, image, or theme stands out for you from the talks and offerings you just heard? What is Jesus saying and calling you to do or to be, with regard to the care of creation?

Question 2 (at table)

Given what you just shared in pairs about what Jesus is calling you toward personally, how might our churches and institutions respond to this call collectively?

Question 3 (go forth & share with related organizations and at www.episcopalchurch.org/teconversations)

Given what your group said about how we could respond to God's call as churches and institutions, what would help you/your church/your diocese to take the next steps around the care of creation? What do you need? What do you want to share or create?

Discover resources & groups to continue the conversation. Share resources, questions, and needs.

Text TECON or CREATIONGC to 51555.

www.episcopalchurch.org/teconversations

Small Group Guidelines

- Focus on what matters: stay close to the questions offered.
- Contribute your best thinking.
- Speak from your mind and heart.
- Listen to understand.
- Link and connect ideas.
- Listen into the center of the conversation for wisdom.
- Have fun and enjoy the gifts of each conversation.

Process (for facilitators)

- Solicit the help of a time keeper.
- Solicit the help of a note taker who can send the notes.
- Facilitate conversation around Questions 1 & 2.
- Invite everyone to speak once before anyone speaks twice.
- Invite a reverent pause between each comment.
- Participate!
- Send notes and wisdom to the planning group via email at teconversations@episcopalchurch.org or text TECON to 51555 and follow the links.

Continue the Conversation with Exhibitors Like These ...

Creation Care – Tuesday, July 10, Exhibitor Engagement 12:15-1pm

Church Publishing (Booth # 517/617)

Featured authors at the booth include: Brian Sellers-Petersen, author of *Harvesting Abundance*; Stephanie Johnson, co-chair of the Stewardship of Creation Advisory Council; Nurya Love Parish, co-founder of Plainsong Farm & Ministry in Rockford, Michigan; and Jerry Cappel, Province IV Environmental Network Coordinator.

Episcopal Church Center (Booth # 420)

ALL DAY: Creation care storytelling and Asset Map quiz, with giveaways of Care of Creation seed-paper bookmarks. Free eco-friendly water bottle if you share a digital story or make the commitment to reduce carbon footprint.

Episcopal Divinity School at Union (Booth # 805)

SPECIAL TIME 12:30 pm CT: Dean Kelly Brown Douglas will join EDS alumna Margaret Bullitt-Jonas and Karenna Gore for a Facebook Live conversation about faith-based organizations engaged in the Care of Creation. *Tune in to the EDS Facebook page* at 12:30 pm CT/1:30 pm ET.

Episcopal Evangelism Society (Booth # 905)

Lisa G. Fischbeck presents “The Piedmont Patch: A Collaborative Model for Creation Care,” a workshop about creating a community collaboration for restoring native flora and fauna to a neighborhood, one patch at a time.

Episcopal Relief & Development (Booth # 401)

Members of their staff will be present to help attendees at General Convention offset their General Convention carbon use. They will have additional information about how travel and conferences contribute to carbon output and how we all can act to neutralize our output.

Fruit of the Vine (Booth # 313)

Colleen Hintz will discuss the Season of Creation vestments and paraments, starting at Church of the Redeemer in Morristown, NJ, in 1990. Colleen has gone on to make vestments for many churches across the nation.

St. David’s Church, Austin (two blocks from the Convention Center)

St. David’s was the first church in Texas to be certified by GreenFaith and first in Austin to be certified a Platinum Level Austin Green Business Leader. Their city block is also a certified wildlife sanctuary. Their Guild and parish staff have actively promoted green practices for 15 years. They will host a tour of their facilities and discussion session immediately following the TEConversations.