

'But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
Or the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
Or let the fish of the sea inform you.

Which of all these does not know
That the hand of the Lord has done this?
In God's hand is the life of every creature
And the breath of all humankind.'

~ Job 12:7-10



We'd love to hear from you!

If you'd like to receive our monthly e-letter,
or would like to tell us re your eco
endeavours, let us know at
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How can I green my church?

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
The world and all who live in it'

~ Psalm 24 v 1

How can I green my church?

Environmental measures can easily be incorporated into all aspects of church life:

1) Spiritual ~

- Include a prayer for the environment in every Mass/church service
- Make regular references to the need to care for God's Creation in sermons
- Celebrate Creation Time from 1st Sept to 4th October every year

2) Practical ~

- Reduce, reuse, recycle & compost
- Use LED light bulbs & reduce thermostat
- Use eco-friendly cleaning materials
- Support and promote Fairtrade

3) Community ~

Connect with members of your local community by inviting them along to hear an environmental speaker or watch an eco-themed film. You could also organise litter picks, nature walks or tree/bulb-planting in your local area

4) Global ~

Support the work of a development agency working in countries where people are already impacted by climate change e.g. Trócaire, Christian Aid, Tearfund, Concern, VITA

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How can Eco-Congregation help?

Our **online resources** can help you as you seek to integrate environmental care into church life. There are sections on worship, teaching, Bible studies, children's & youth work, property management, finance, purchasing & waste, personal lifestyles, community, thinking (and acting) globally, and an extensive climate change resource. **Invite us along to speak**—we'd love to talk to you, no matter how large or small a crowd!



What is Eco-Congregation Ireland?

ECI is a project of the **Irish Inter-Church Meeting** that encourages churches to adopt an eco-friendly approach to all aspects of church life, including worship, lifestyle, property management, community outreach & contact with the developing world. Our **vision** is to see churches celebrate the gift of God's Creation, recognise the inter-dependence of all Creation and care for it in their life and mission.

We rely on donations and grants from individuals and various bodies. **Donations** can be made by sending a cheque made payable to 'Eco-Congregation Ireland' to Rev Andrew Orr, ECI Chair, The Rectory, Tullow, Co Carlow. Alternatively, online donations & standing orders can be made directly into the Eco-Congregation Ireland account, Ulster Bank, Ranelagh, Dublin 6. IBAN: IE68 ULSB 9850 5010 3739 01.

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