

WHAT WILL YOU COMMIT TO?

Think about what commitments you can make to live out your Green Faith in your personal life, in your family, in your community, and globally. We will come together on June 23rd to make these commitments in worship to ourselves and each other. We have provided some examples on the back to prayerfully ponder.

Integrate:
(Spiritual)

Educate:
(Practical)

Activate:
(Systemic)



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Energy

- Wash your laundry in cold water for shorter amounts of time
- Air dry your laundry
- Replace incandescent & fluorescent light bulbs with LEDs
- Switch to energy efficient appliances
- Turn off the lights when not in use and use as much natural light as you can
- Use power strips for electronics to power off completely when not in use
- Use the battery saver function on your phone & computer
- Use a programmable thermostat that lowers or raises the temperature when you're not home
- Bundle up before you turn up the heat

Transportation

- Pledge that your next vehicle will be a hybrid or electric vehicle
- Check your car's tire pressure
- Calculate your carbon footprint
- Walk or bike instead of driving
- Carpool
- Use mass transit
- Telecommute

Waste

- Reuse whenever you can
- Buy in store to cut down on packaging instead of online
- Dispose of expired medicine properly, don't flush down toilet: <http://www.bemedwise.org/medication-safety/drug-storage-and-disposal>
- Wrap your gifts in a reusable bags instead of wrapping paper
- Invest in a reusable water bottle
- Bring your reusable mugs to Hennepin Coffee Fellowship
- Recycle all paper products
- Instead of purchasing a new book, check out your local library
- Try composting at home
- Pick up the trash in your neighborhood
- Bring a reusable container for leftovers to a restaurant
- Donate and thrift clothing, furniture, household items
- Invest in better quality clothing that will last longer from environmentally conscious brands

Advocacy and Education

- Learn your local recycling rules
- Explore local environmental initiatives
- Watch a documentary on Environmental Justice
- Read a book about Creation Care
- Donate to an environmental organization
- Get out and vote!
- Spend more time outdoors
- Endorse climate science
- Talk about the climate crisis with friends and relatives
- Contact your local, state, and federal representatives
- Support elected officials who have committed to enact climate action policies
- #OptOutdoors this Black Friday
- Make your New Year's resolutions Green
- Join the Hennepin Green Team!

Water

- Do your dishes only when the dishwasher is full
- Take shorter showers
- Wait until the laundry basket is full to wash
- Calculate your water footprint: <https://www.watercalculator.org/>
- Collect rainwater for watering gardens & indoor plants
- Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth
- Repair leaky faucets
- Use a low flow shower head
- Install a low flush toilet
- Stop buying bottled water

Food

- Start a community garden
- Eat those leftovers
- Purchase the "ugly" food at your grocery store
- Eat less meat and more produce
- Grow your own vegetables
- Buy ingredients from local farmers
- Purchase "Fair-Trade" items
- Try cooking one-pot meals
- Bring reusable bags to the grocery

Misc

- Use green cleaning products
- Buy a plant for your house
- Subscribe to a solar garden
- Gift experiences instead of things