



# The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

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Dear Ones,

As part of the Episcopal Church's commitment to caring for this earth we call home and being good stewards of the environment, Presiding Bishop Curry has issued an invitation to reflect and commit to grow a loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship with God's creation. There are many activities you can participate in to help you honor this pledge.

I'd like to take a moment to share with you an exciting new tool that is being developed by the Diocese of California. "Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home" is a new carbon tracker that is being made available to the entire Episcopal Church, and we in the Diocese of Olympia have been invited to be part of a group of dioceses that will be testing the tracker.

The tracker is easy to use – you create your household profile, browse the list of actions you can take to reduce your impact on the environment, add them to your dashboard, and the tracker will provide you with the next steps you need to take. I have personally signed up, and I can attest it is easy to use and fun. Even more exciting – once you sign up for the tracker, you'll be added to your congregation group so that you can work together and cheer each other on!

I also want to commend the Creation Care Pledge, a link to which you can also find below. I have signed this too along with all the Province VIII Bishops (a link to the video can be found below), and I hope you will join me in this. We are trying to get 1,000 people to sign across the Episcopal Church by Easter Day. Currently, Olympia is in second place among all dioceses in the Episcopal Church on signing the pledge! Let's be first!!! Please take the time to follow the link below and sign the pledge. It only takes a few minutes.

I would also like to encourage you all to share this widely within your congregations and communities so that we in the Diocese of Olympia can come together and care for creation.

Blessings,

The Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel

CARBON TRACKER: <http://www.sustainislandhome.org/>

CREATION CARE PLEDGE: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/creation-care/pledge>

PROVINCE VIII BISHOPS VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/10CTNOR18Ao>