## RECOMMENDATIONS



## **Faith Formation**

## 3. Train and Mobilize Church Members as Climate Stewards

"It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. We are made to live together because of the interrelated structure of reality."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Recommendation:** Climate Stewards are the equivalent of Wardens for Creation Justice. One or more could be appointed from each congregation and be trained to assist members to work on Creation Justice. They could work with and receive support from the proposed Canon for Creation Justice.

**Background:** To implement a diocese-wide effort, we need representatives from every congregation. Stewards will lighten the load carried by the Rector. In time, every congregation will ideally choose to implement some form of a Creation Justice Ministry.

**Taking Action:** Stewards could be trained as organizers by <u>Climate Reality Leadership</u>
<u>Corps</u> and others. They should be able to assist members through programs like
Sacred Ground and Climate Reality and to support ways to make Creation Justice
central to faith formation.

**Results:** Clergy are stretched thin and Climate Stewards could function like Wardens for Creation. They will be in direct communication with the Canon for Creation, provide information about congregational needs, and assist congregants in climate-related actions and reflections.

## **Resources:**

- Racial justice intersectionality: Sacred Ground
- Creation Justice advocacy training: <u>Creation Justice</u>