

ENVIRONMENT EVENT IDEAS:

- MAKE PLASTIC BAG MATS OUT OF LEFTOVER PLASTIC BAGS FOR USE BY SOMEONE WHO IS HOMELESS TO LAY ON TO STAY OFF THE GROUND
- HAVE A CREATION SUNDAY SERVICE
- BLESS ANIMALS AS PART OF A CREATION CELEBRATION DURING A CREATION SUNDAY SERVICE
- DO A COMMUNITY GARDEN, PERHAPS ONE THAT IS FOR BOTH THE CHURCH AND THE FOOD PANTRY
- FOCUS ON CARE FOR CREATION WITH A BIBLE SCHOOL
- HAVE AN EVENT AND BRING ANIMALS TO SHOW THE GREATER SCOPE OF CREATION
- DOING SOMETHING WITH MILKWEED FOR MONARCH BUTTERFLIES
- CREATE A NEW TREE PLANTING (MAYBE ALONG WITH A SPEAKER TO TEACH PARTICIPANTS ABOUT TREES, CARBON SEQUESTRATION)
- WORK ON MOVING FROM STYROFOAM OR SINGLE-SERVE TO REUSABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE
- DO AN ENVIRONMENT EVENT OR CLASS AT NIU'S LOREDO TAFT CAMPUS
- DO A GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS EVENT FOCUSED ON THE ENVIRONMENT
- VOLUNTEER AT LOMC
- BUY CLOTH GROCERY BAGS POTENTIALLY HAVING THEM CREATED WITH THE NAME OF OUR CHURCH, PICTURE OF THE CHURCH, OR A SAYING THAT WE'RE FOND OF AT THE CHURCH.
- HAVE AN EARTH DAY SPEAKER OR HAVE SOME SORT OF EARTH WORSHIP
- HAVE A GLOBAL WARMING OR CLIMATE CHANGE EXPERT COME AND SPEAK TO THE CONGREGATION OR COMMUNITY (ONE THAT WAS SUGGESTED WAS RAY EMPERUR)
- CONTINUE TO WORK ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AT CHURCH, HOME, AND WORK
- DO MORE POLITICAL LOBBYING FOR MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY
- HOST A RECYCLING EVENT AS AN OUTREACH TO OTHER CHURCHES AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
- DO A RAFFLE WHEN WE USE OUR OWN ITEMS AT CHURCH GROUP ACTIVITIES- (EX. WHEN WE USE OUR OWN PLATES OR FORKS AND THEN TAKE THEM HOME TO CLEAN THEM)
- DO A SPORTS TEAM THEMED RECYCLING CHALLENGE LIKE YOUR TEAM IS THE PACKERS/BEARS YOU'RE THE CUBS/CARDINALS SEE HOW MUCH STUFF YOU CAN RECYCLE
- IN THE COMMUNITY DO A CHURCH VERSUS CHURCH CHALLENGE- HOW MANY CANS, BAGS, WEIGHT, CAN YOU RECYCLE? OR A COMMUNITY WIDE CHALLENGE...
- RECYCLE OLD CLOTHES INTO QUILTS

- ENCOURAGE RECYCLING AT CHURCH EVENTS: SYNOD ASSEMBLY, CRE
- PUT UP A LIST OF PLACES TO TAKE STUFF TO RECYCLE IT IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- USE OUR CONTACTS IN THE COMMUNITY TO CREATE AN RECYCLING EFFORT OR COMMUNITY GARDEN
- GATHER A LIST OF ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS, GET MEDIA INVOLVED, GET ATTENTION
- TAKE SOME BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES AT THESE EVENTS AND POST THEM ON OUR FACEBOOK, WEB PAGE, INSTAGRAM...ETC.
- GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS: MAYBE AN LOMC DAY OR DO SOMETHING AT THE PARK DISTRICT
- ADOPT A HIGHWAY OR RIVER
- GIVEAWAY WASH PANS- MAYBE DO THAT THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY
- HAVE A GIVEAWAY DAY: LED LIGHT BULBS, TOTE BAGS, QUARTERS FOR DOING LAUNDRY
- IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT ENVIRONMENT EVENTS NOT NECESSARILY BE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH SO THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOME TREPIDATION ABOUT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT FEEL MORE FREE TO COME
- USE OUR ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS TO DO MORE THAN JUST AN EVENT AT OUR CHURCH BUT MAYBE TO DO AN EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY
- HAVE A FREE FRUIT AND VEGGIE DAY
- DO AN ART SHOW OR AN ESSAY CONTEST ABOUT WHY TAKING CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT- WITH A PRIZE
- HAVE A MONTH WHICH HAS SEVERAL DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS
- TAKE A LOOK AT SOLAR, WIND, GEOTHERMAL POWER AS DIFFERENT POWER OPTIONS FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS
- USE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE CLEANING SUPPLIES
- DO A SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK, ROGATION SUNDAY
- TRY TO USE EXTENSION SERVICES FROM SOME OF THE LOCAL COLLEGES, PARK DISTRICTS, FARM BUREAUS TO INVOLVE OUTSIDE AGENCIES AS WELL