

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

As we begin a new year together, maybe stewardship of earth is something you would like to make a priority in 2006. Following our mission statement, here are a few ways to help along that goal: It is our mission...

...**To educate the people of the diocese**...you could become more aware of and involved in the Millennium Development Goals (MDG.) The United Nations website <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/> is a great starting point. You may choose to support all 8 goals or focus on the environmental goal of ensuring sustainability. Our Diocese adopted a resolution supporting the MDG and also committed to giving 0.7% of mission resources to support MDG programs as well as challenging local congregations to follow it's lead. You may choose to do this on a personal level, as well.

...**To advocate for wise and just environmental policy**...you could become a part of the Episcopal Public Policy Network. Find out more about EPPN and sign up for updates at their website: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn.htm> Periodically, they will send you updates and ways to send emails to your congressional representatives on behalf of a number of topics including Environmental Justice.

...**And to provide opportunities for service in the stewardship of earth**...you can search for ways to be involved in stewardship in your home, church, and community. Not only could you suggest doing an Energy Audit at your church, you can do one at home and offset rising energy costs while being a good steward. Talk with your parish liaison about doing an Energy Audit, or email Michael Churchman at the address below for a downloadable pdf file. Your power supply company probably has tips on energy savings. You may also pursue other sources for renewable energy. Make the choice now to be more mindful in 2006.

If you have an interest in being a part of this effort or would like to serve as a liaison for your parish, please contact Michael Churchman at mjchurchman@hotmail.com or 205-999-5328.