

Diocesan Task Force for The Stewardship of Creation

You are invited

to join us in embracing God's creation



MISSION STATEMENT

The Stewardship of Creation
Task Force exists
to educate the people of the diocese,
to advocate for wise and just
environmental policy, and
to provide opportunities for service
in the stewardship of earth.

CREATION

Establishment of a Task Force for The Stewardship of Creation

Whereas, we are taught in the Scriptures that the earth is the Lord's, and all that is therein;

Whereas, God has given humanity the gift and responsibility of serving as stewards of creation;

Whereas, Alabama is among the most blessed of our states in biological diversity,

And whereas, few states in the continental United States have a larger number of endangered species, or have lost a greater number of species to extinction,

Therefore, be it resolved, that a voluntary, non-budgetary Task Force for the Stewardship of Creation be formed to lead us in this essential ministry.

2003 Diocesan Convention

CREATION

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PEOPLE

Educate the People of the Diocese

For Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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If you would learn more, ask the cattle, seek information from the birds of the air. The creeping things of earth will give you lessons, and the fishes of the sea will tell you.

Job 12:7-8

POLICY

Advocate for Wise and Just Environmental Policy

For the Conservation of Natural Resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*Everything that is in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, is penetrated with connect-
edness, is penetrated with relatedness.*

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Provide Opportunities for Service in the Stewardship of Earth

Thanksgiving for the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. Amen. BCP p. 840 #8

Sacred writings are bound in two volumes – that of creation and that of the Holy Scriptures.

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)