

2023 Creation Care Report

The Creation Care Committee was re-convened by Bishop Audrey Scanlan in November 2022. Katie Ruth assumed the role of Chair in December 2022. At present, we have 10 active committee members (and we welcome more). To date the work of our committee includes: meeting monthly to develop vision, mission, and goals; hosting a committee retreat to explore the direction and goals for this committee moving forward; working with appropriate parties to authorize particular liturgical resources for the Season of Creation; launching a quarterly education program through Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/diocpa/videos>); developing a Diocesan webpage with Creation Care resources (<https://diocesecpa.org/creation-care-resource-page/>); submitting educational material to the Diocesan Digest; and funding 6 parishes to launch ready-to-implement creation care projects to fast-track the response to the climate crisis and enhance visibility of Creation Care throughout the Diocese.

We had a \$4,000 allocation in the budget. We have used the budget to support creation care projects around the diocese, hosting our first planning retreat, and developing educational resources. Thus far, all speakers and experts have given their time voluntarily to educating and advising.

Project Distribution	\$2,350
Retreat Costs	\$127.45
Total Spent for Year	\$2,477.45
Total Budget	\$4,000
Remaining Funds	\$1,522.55

We are looking ahead to 2024 and plan to build on 2023 success and enthusiasm to support creation care projects, provide education and resources, and develop strategic plans for furthering the goals of the Episcopal Creation Care covenant (Loving Formation, Liberating Advocacy, & Life-Giving Conservation).

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Ruth
Chair, Creation Care Committee