Earth Care in Education

- Host a forum, panel discussion or film
- o Hold an Earth Care Fair, for example on Earth Day (Apr. 22)
- o Offer and environmental book study or film series
- o Provide a VBS with a Creation Care theme
- o Include a unit on earth care in weekday or Sunday children's or youth education
- o Offer an event or project for youth focused on care for creation
- o Offer an adult Sunday School class or other adult class on care for creation
- o Incorporate teachings and practices on creation care into regular educational programming
- Include an article or blurb about environmental efforts or news in your newsletter or other print or online media
- o Establish a regular article on earth care in your church's newsletter
- Develop a page about Creation Care on your church's website
- o Include a Creation Care blurb or note in every worship bulletin or once a month
- Hold a class outside
- Purchase or promote books, games, videos or other materials with an earth care focus in your church library
- o Put up a bulletin board providing information or promoting an event about earth care
- o Develop or commission an art display, set of banners, or exhibit focused on earth care
- o Produce or hold a dramatic presentation or concert with an earth care focus
- Hold a class or educational event focused on sustainable lifestyle choices
- Include an earth care component in confirmation classes
- o Include an earth care component in new member classes
- o Include the 6 R's in talking with teachers and leaders about supplies: reduce, rethink, repurpose, re-use, repair, recycle
- o Provide resources for households on recycling regulations for your municipality
- Provide resources on disposal options that are less well known
- Provide an informational series on reducing consumption of single-use plastics
- Hold a class or seminar on more environmentally-friendly forms of burial

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Education resources:

- --Operation Creation: a five-session curriculum for elementary children New Community Project http://www.newcommunityproject.org/pdfs/operation_creation.pdf
- --Vacation Bible School: for a copy of our curriculum, contact Susan Hunter, our Director of Children's Education and Youth Ministries, at susanh@blacksburgpres.org or sarah@blacksburgpres.org
- --Spark House ReNew: The Green VBS curriculum pre-K to grade 6 VBS https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/287144/Sparkhouse-in-the-Summer
- --Virginia Interfaith Power and Light for speakers and workshops list https://vaipl.org/resources/workshops/