

## **A few things an Earth Care mini-grant might help your congregation achieve:**

### **FACILITIES**

- Set up a recycling system in your church building - buying bins and making signs for collecting for community recycling programs – plastic, containers, paper and aluminum waste produced in the building or a hub for recycling re-chargeable batteries, CFLs, electronics, Trex plastic film, etc.
- Help pay for an HVAC improvement, such as a smart thermostat
- Help pay for installing motion sensing lights, or replacing lights with LEDs, or upgrading appliances to more energy-efficient versions
- Pay for an energy audit for the church building
- Purchase and install a bicycle rack to promote healthy, low impact transportation
- Replace plastic and single use containers with reusable and sustainable alternatives

### **GROUNDS AND GARDENS**

- Pay for garden signage, such as plant labeling, Sacred Grounds signs, Leave the Leaves signs, etc.
- Start a native plant garden; help pay for plants and a garden guide or other educational materials
- Make a rain garden, or install rain barrels
- Remove dead trees and replace with native trees
- Set up a composting system to use in your garden
- Design and build an outdoor space, garden, or nature trail for meditation

### **WORSHIP**

Purchase materials for sanctuary appointments for a Season of Creation in worship

### **EDUCATION**

- Purchase a Lenten or Advent study or devotional guide on earth care to distribute to your congregation
- Form a climate action group to address a local issue
- Pay for film rental to host a film screening, or for curricula for a class

### **OUTREACH**

- Sponsor an outdoor experience or service project for your congregation or for your youth group – a hike and picnic, a gleaning project, stream restoration, etc.
- Work with community partners to create a community garden

The possibilities and limitless!