



North Carolina Diocesan Committee on Environmental Ministry Green Grant Program 2020

The North Carolina Diocesan Environmental Ministry Committee currently has green grants available to assist congregations in our Diocese interested in starting an environmental ministry program. Due to the strains on congregational resources caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, preference will be given to small and low income congregations. Grant proposals can include but are not limited to the following:

- While our ministry focuses on the beauty and blessing of God’s Creation, we recognize that our current situation involving COVID-19 also represents our relationship with our natural environment and that this part of our experience with God’s Creation can make us vulnerable as individuals and as communities. As a result, we are broadening the parameters for proposals to include financial insecurities directly related to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. This can include but is not limited to contributions to utility bills and staff salaries. After all, our churches are a part of God’s community of Creation, and if we can do even a small part to alleviate anxiety in these uncertain times, it will be done for the glory of God’s life giving and sustaining Creation.

- Installing energy efficient lighting
- Beginning a congregation composting program
- Developing green liturgical or religious education programs
- Offering an environmental ministry education series
- Installing water saving technology in campus facilities
- Purchasing reusable dishware for congregation events to reduce waste
- Planning environmentally themed events at the congregation or Diocesan levels

-For example, this could include environmental events for children or youth.

- Creating green worship spaces on campus

Grants will be issued in installments of either \$250 or \$500 depending on the monetary needs of the project. To apply, please send a brief (one double-spaced page) description of your project and the amount of the grant you are requesting to Environmental Ministry Committee Chair David McDuffie at dcmcduffie@gmail.com. Please title your emails “Green Grant Proposal.”