

Earth Care Congregation - Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick NJ

Minute for Mission

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Discerning God's call can be a challenging task, but that is exactly what Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick, did. Five years ago, a group of members joined together to discern what Trinity's missional focus should be—what was God calling Trinity to do? After many months of study and prayer, caring for God's creation emerged as their primary focus. In 2008 Trinity covenanted to "care for creation" as a community of faith.



Trinity continues to take that commitment very seriously. Through worship and education, Trinity connects God's call with everyday life. Its work to green its facility, through actions such as improving energy efficiency and the purchase of environmentally friendly products, as well as its development of a community garden and a butterfly garden, serve as examples of how Trinity puts its beliefs into action.

Through financial donations, mission trips, a child sponsorship, and the assembly of Gifts of the Heart kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Trinity also works to address environmental justice issues throughout the world; it realizes that caring for creation is not limited to one's own borders.

Trinity truly has embraced the communal call to take care of not only one another but every blessing that God has created.

The congregation has earned recognition as a GreenFaith Sanctuary, by GreenFaith; an Earth Care Congregation, by the PC(USA); and a Wildlife Habitat, by the National Wildlife Federation.

Trinity Presbyterian Church is one of 46 congregations, together totaling 12,933 members, in the Presbytery of Monmouth.

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Let us pray

Gracious and loving God, at times we forget what is really important: we neglect those in need, destroy our surroundings, and turn away from your call to "tend and keep" your garden. Open our hearts, so that we, remembering that everyone and everything is a gift from you, may spread your loving care to every part of creation. Amen