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<b>BIODIVERSITY</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>POLITICAL</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
<p><b>SHORT-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 1 commitment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put up bird boxes, feeders and bird baths.</li> <li>• Put up bat boxes in an appropriate place.</li> <li>• Plant only local flora in the garden.</li> <li>• Plant/cultivate native flowers for use in arrangements and displays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical workshops</li> <li>• Write an article for a community magazine that increases awareness of issues facing biodiversity.</li> <li>• Highlight endangered species of animals.</li> <li>• Show the film “The End of the Line.”</li> <li>• Look at the damage to biodiversity of biofuels and palm oil.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to a local politician about a particular aspect of biodiversity.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to ban the import of exotic pets.</li> <li>• Become involved in the badger-cull debate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give a sermon or talk that increases awareness of issues facing biodiversity.</li> <li>• Write a prayer that addresses issues of biodiversity.</li> <li>• Hold at least a few outdoor prayer meetings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEDIUM-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 2 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create and maintain a pond.</li> <li>• Creates homes for insects, bees and hedgehogs.</li> <li>• Create a vegetable patch or some vegetable boxes.</li> <li>• Plant flora that attracts hoverflies, butterflies and bees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise a workshop addressing a particular aspect of biodiversity, such as invasive species.</li> <li>• Encourage the collection of seeds and replanting to restore the local environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a campaign and act to protect local biodiversity.</li> <li>• Get involved in a national wildlife or bird survey.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act for a reduction or a total ban on palm oil.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise a study session within faith communities to discuss shared texts on biodiversity.</li> <li>• Organise a service for pets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LONG-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 3 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a wildlife garden.</li> <li>• Maintain a communal bee colony.</li> <li>• Create a green roof.</li> <li>• Support local wildlife group activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise an extensive analysis of local flora and fauna in a bid to highlight and reduce threats to both.</li> <li>• Organise a series (workshops, webpages, brochures, etc.) exploring the effects of genetically modified food.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become a member of a wildlife conversation organisation and actively contribute to their work.</li> <li>• Bring community members to join the work of a local wildlife conservation organization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a religious service that highlights the relationship between humanity and the natural world.</li> <li>• Engage in an extensive exploration of the theology of your community’s creation narrative and the practical ramifications of that theology.</li> </ul>

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<b>BUILDINGS</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>POLITICAL</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
<p><b>SHORT-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 1 commitment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use eco-friendly cleaning products.</li> <li>• Use eco-friendly printing.</li> <li>• Put silver foil behind all radiators.</li> <li>• Keep doors and windows shut to retain heat.</li> <li>• Use heavy winter curtains.</li> <li>• Use only energy-efficient light bulbs.</li> <li>• Use recycled paper or, better, FSC certified paper.</li> <li>• Significantly reduce paper consumption.</li> <li>• Hang washing outside</li> <li>• Switch off stand-by power</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study sustainable energy sources</li> <li>• Study about gas-saving techniques, such as magnetisation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a campaign and act to ensure that there is never a presumption in favour of development.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act for no building on greenbelt land.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act for more sustainable and affordable housing, including self-build eco-friendly homes.</li> <li>• Support housing associations, community land trusts and co-housing projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create quiet spaces around your faith building.</li> <li>• Support the creation of quiet green spaces elsewhere in the community.</li> <li>• Practice hospitality, individually and in community.</li> <li>• Encourage other faith to meet together in one meeting place.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEDIUM-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 2 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure there is adequate cavity wall insulation.</li> <li>• Ensure all windows are double-glazed.</li> <li>• Ensure adequate loft insulation.</li> <li>• Use only sustainable wood products in any building.</li> <li>• Install a waterless urinal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach about water-saving techniques.</li> <li>• Renewable Obligation Certificates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any of the above with 2 differing Councils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging prayer as a low-carbon activity.</li> <li>• Visit at least 3 differing faith communities to see how they use their buildings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LONG-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 3 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install photovoltaic solar panels or a green roof.</li> <li>• Use wind power where favourable.</li> <li>• Replace all broken appliances with A+ rated appliances.</li> <li>• Install a ground-source heat pump.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show a community how to finance adaptations to homes and places of worship.</li> <li>• Develop local centres of excellence for sustainable technologies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any of the above with 3 differing Councils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating and maintaining local communities within the building, block or street.</li> <li>• Use your building as a hub for local welfare.</li> </ul>

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<b>CONSUMPTION</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>POLITICAL</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
<p><b>SHORT-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 1 commitment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use energy-efficient washing machines or dishwashers only when full.</li> <li>• Turn down the thermostat by 1°.</li> <li>• Reduce the amount of water flushed in the toilet.</li> <li>• Take showers instead of baths.</li> <li>• Water only using a can, ideally from a water butt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share with your community ways of living that involve less consumption, particularly focusing away from money.</li> <li>• Connect to local sharing networks, such as Freecycle.</li> <li>• Look at the energy cost of goods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use local shops or markets as opposed to supermarkets.</li> <li>• Find out the food miles involved in the processing and distribution of food.</li> <li>• Use farmers' markets.</li> <li>• Encourage hotels, guest houses and homes to consume responsibly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donate a set amount of income, personal or communal, every month.</li> <li>• Observe days and seasons of special discipline (e.g. penitential seasons of Advent, Lent, Ramadan, Yom Kippur).</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEDIUM-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 2 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use green gas tariff.</li> <li>• Use green electricity tariff.</li> <li>• Commit to reducing your carbon footprint by 10%.</li> <li>• Install a wood-burning stove if it is sustainable to do so.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create and maintain your own local sharing network.</li> <li>• Link your community to the Transition Towns movement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support a moratorium on bio-fuels.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act on the implementation of Contraction &amp; Convergence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a pamphlet or website on faith perspectives on consumption, economics etc.</li> <li>• Source ritual objects locally.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LONG-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 3 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commit to reducing your carbon footprint by 20%.</li> <li>• Install a household water recycling unit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study and discuss issues of population and its contribution to environmental degradation and to poverty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage the growth of a local economy.</li> <li>• Support calls for a viable alternative to the combustion engine.</li> <li>• Encourage your Council to enact any of the above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess all festival rituals for their environmental impact.</li> <li>• Assess all life-cycle rituals (e.g. birth, marriage, death) for their environmental impact.</li> <li>• Only shop ethically, especially considering tea, coffee, bananas, chocolate etc.</li> </ul>

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<b>FOOD</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>POLITICAL</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
<b>SHORT-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 1 commitment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat local food</li> <li>• Eat organic food</li> <li>• Eating only sustainably-sourced fish, such as that indicated by the Marine Stewardship Council label.</li> <li>• Use only fairly traded tea, coffee etc. at home and at faith events.</li> <li>• Use one-pot cooking, e.g. steamers, slow cookers.</li> <li>• Cook a few days worth of food on the same energy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show “The End of the Line” film on sustainable fishing.</li> <li>• Ensure that faith schools are teaching and practicing green food issues.</li> <li>• Organise a community visit to an allotment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a campaign and act to have Palm Oil not labeled as “Vegetable Oil.”</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to have only sustainable fish sold.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to not sell Palm Oil.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act for a greater range of fairly-traded goods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore and use graces and blessings before and after eating.</li> <li>• Enjoy food and eating with regular meals with others, in faith communities, interfaith groups and the wider community.</li> </ul>
<b>MEDIUM-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 2 commitments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat seasonal food</li> <li>• Have a meat-free day each week.</li> <li>• Give up ready-made meals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research what literature or internet resources are available on the topic of blessings around food. Create a resource if needed.</li> <li>• Support and encourage Green Teams in all local schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above but with 3 or more shops / chains.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research what literature or internet resources are available on the topic of the theology of food consumption. Create a resource if needed.</li> </ul>
<b>LONG-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 3 commitments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat local, seasonal and organic food.</li> <li>• Create and maintain a community allotment or veg patch.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run a series on issues about the global food industry – inequality, emissions, waste etc.</li> <li>• Support and encourage Green Teams in all local schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above but with 5 or more shops / chains.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the theme of spirituality for 6 months be Food.</li> <li>• Help create a guide on interfaith perspectives on food.</li> </ul>

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<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>POLITICAL</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
<p><b>SHORT-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 1 commitment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brand your community and Eco-Faith community and explain what it means to your local neighbourhood.</li> <li>• Help someone living in poverty in your local area.</li> <li>• Give food parcels on festivals.</li> <li>• Be more aware of disabled peoples' needs.</li> <li>• Donate to a local food bank every time you shop.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness of IDEA with your community and neighbourhood groups.</li> <li>• Raise awareness of poverty and its effects in unsustainable practices.</li> <li>• Study the effects of war on the environment and on human security.</li> <li>• Study fuel and food poverty.</li> <li>• Learn about the needs of the developing world and climate change.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support calls for the World Bank to invest only in low-carbon projects.</li> <li>• Question your local MP and political candidates on any social justice issues.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act for an international climate change deal with an NGO group.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to help your local area become a Fair Trade town or borough.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include issues of the environment in worship through prayers and sermons and relevant readings from scripture and holy books.</li> <li>• Celebrate or commemorate special days and seasons such as Environment Sunday, Social Justice Day, Hiroshima Day, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Week of Prayer for World Peace, One World Week.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEDIUM-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 2 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be accredited as a Fair Trade community.</li> <li>• Get involved in Restorative Justice Panels and Mediation services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold workshops on the practical steps of sustainable living.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a campaign and act against increasing military spending.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to reduce local air pollution.</li> <li>• Campaign on nuclear disarmament.</li> <li>• Become a local independent councillor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run a study series of your own community's teachings on inequality, injustice, and care for the vulnerable – children, the elderly, women, etc.</li> <li>• Create a peace garden.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LONG-TERM</b></p> <p><i>Each item implemented counts as 3 commitments.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use only ethical investments.</li> <li>• Reduce your community's contributions to local air pollution.</li> <li>• Improve disabled access to your community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study about global human security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create and use overseas links with those already suffering from climate change.</li> <li>• Actively support at least 3 global action campaigns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively work with climate change deniers to discuss a differing model from a faith perspective.</li> </ul>

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<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>POLITICAL</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
<b>SHORT-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 1 commitment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk, cycle or use public transport for short-distance journeys.</li> <li>• Give lifts wherever possible.</li> <li>• Take local holidays instead of going abroad.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host discussion on electric vehicles.</li> <li>• Advertise local cycling schemes.</li> <li>• Show “The Age of Stupid” film.</li> <li>• Promote local bus schemes and low-cost public transport.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a campaign and act for local cycling schemes.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to halt airport expansion.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act for greater access to public transport.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange carpooling for prayer services.</li> </ul>
<b>MEDIUM-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 2 commitments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buy the most eco-friendly car you can afford only when your old car is unusable.</li> <li>• Create and maintain a carpooling scheme.</li> <li>• Reduce community trips that involve flying.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in community transport action groups and community transport plan consultations.</li> <li>• Organise cycling proficiency lessons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above but with 2 differing Councils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change times of worship to fit in with the public transport timetables.</li> <li>• Create a carpooling network with another faith community.</li> </ul>
<b>LONG-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 3 commitments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have community leader use an electric car run from sustainable energy sources.</li> <li>• Give up the car entirely.</li> <li>• Collect waste cooking oil to convert into biofuel for community faith transport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an educational series (workshops, webpages, pamphlets) on differing transport possibilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above but with 3 differing Councils.</li> <li>• Help create infrastructure for non-oil-based transport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a community in which the majority of members arrive for worship on foot, bicycle, public transport or carpooling.</li> </ul>

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<b>WASTE</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>POLITICAL</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL</b>
<b>SHORT-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 1 commitment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reuse packaging.</li> <li>• Recycle packaging if packaging cannot be reused.</li> <li>• Use only eco-friendly bags.</li> <li>• Replace disposable nappies with “real” nappies.</li> <li>• Use grey water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.</li> <li>• Support and encourage school and community recycling schemes.</li> <li>• Look at the issue of nuclear waste.</li> <li>• Investigate what pollutes our water supply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a campaign and act to help your Council improve their recycling facilities.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to help your Council reduce light pollution.</li> <li>• Join a campaign and act to encourage a shop/chain to use less packaging.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reuse old prayer books.</li> <li>• Recycle old prayer books where they cannot be reused.</li> <li>• Run a session on your community’s spiritual teachings on waste.</li> </ul>
<b>MEDIUM-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 2 commitments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install water butts.</li> <li>• Reduce food waste in the home/community.</li> <li>• Compost.</li> <li>• Install a wormery.</li> <li>• Replace polystyrene with compostable products.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite speakers on waste management.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above but with 2 Councils.</li> <li>• As above but with 3 shops.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run study groups to look at the effect of the “throw-away society” on people.</li> </ul>
<b>LONG-TERM</b>  <i>Each item implemented counts as 3 commitments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ban all throw-away items such as cups, cutlery and plates in your community and replace with washing up.</li> <li>• Where possible, buy only from local charity shops.</li> <li>• Install composting toilets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run an extensive series covering issues of waste, such as water, food, plastic, paper and other resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above but with 3 Councils.</li> <li>• As above but with 5 shops.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a focus for 6 months on the spiritual teaching of your community on waste.</li> </ul>