Christian Leadership Reflections

Discussion Guide

The Creation Mandate: Our Responsibility and Our Bridge


1) There are many ways individuals can take better care of our environment on their own. Possibilities include recycling, composting, choosing reusable bags and containers, and conserving energy and water. How can your church encourage its members to adopt some of these activities?

2) Other ways of fulfilling the Creation Mandate include adding beauty to the world or helping people enjoy greater justice. If you think expansively about caring for and improving our world and the people in it, how could you help your members creatively build world-making activities into their jobs and daily lives?

3) Explore local secular and Christian initiatives that are helping to fulfill the Creation Mandate in one way or another. Which ones can you recommend to your congregation for their volunteer or financial support?

4) What could your own ministry do to demonstrate its commitment to creation care? The story of the Mennonite Central Committee’s building in Kitchener, ON is an inspiration as to what can be done. Discuss the possibilities and make some commitments.

5) What is your denomination doing to support the Creation Mandate? Do they have position papers you could promote to your congregation? Programs you could use?