

A Watershed Way pledge

We're heading into transition times, my friends, an unknown wilderness for which there are no maps, only sketches. God is doing something new, and the Spirit is troubling the waters. As Ched Myers observes, whenever the Holy Spirit is poured out in human history, traditions are disturbed and institutions disrupted, because our untamed God is not a domesticated deity, but the One who liberates us from our enslaved condition.

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Rewilding the Way

Choose several actions that seem "doable" and see how the list can grow.

I, _____ gladly agree to take on the following actions and practices. This is my commitment to fostering a healthier community, lowering CO₂, creating personal resilience and breaking my addiction to fossil fuels. To be most effective I will choose a **handful of actions** from the list below and will be accountable monthly to another church "partner".

- ☐ Drink tap water or other water and avoid bottled water
- ☐ Don't let water run when brushing teeth or washing dishes
- ☐ Don't flush on yellow
- ☐ Install a rain barrel
- ☐ Collect cold shower water for gardening or trees
- ☐ Wash clothes in cold water
- ☐ Use a clothes line instead of a dryer
- ☐ Plant fruit trees and vegetables
- ☐ Xeriscape or rewild my yard
- ☐ Compost non-meat food scraps and organic materials
- ☐ Actively choose to eat local food
- ☐ Start a winter garden
- ☐ Avoid eating meat at least two days a week
- ☐ Enrich my topsoil by planting buckwheat, barley, sorghum or clover
- ☐ Turn off my lights when not in the room
- ☐ Replace my lightbulbs with LED lighting
- ☐ Disconnect appliances and computers when not in use
- ☐ Install a programmable thermostat
- ☐ Purchase low energy appliances
- ☐ Buy or make a solar oven—and use it
- ☐ Purchase solar panels and take advantage of state and federal solar tax credits
- ☐ Walk, bike or take public transportation 1-2 days a week
- ☐ Plan local vacations (reduce air travel when possible)
- ☐ Carpool when using a car. Combine errands
- ☐ Remember to take re-usable bags when shopping
- ☐ Purchase fewer packaged products rather than depending on recycling
- ☐ Support a local CSA or farmer's market
- ☐ Shop at local second-hand or recycling stores
- ☐ Give financial support to organizations that actively promote carbon use reduction
- ☐ Become an advocate for a particular environmental action and speak to someone about it each week

Add your own actions:

I commit to these actions and will be accountable to _____ at least once per month.



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