10 Tips For Your Green Team

Connect Your Green Efforts to Your Faith
Greening is an act of love, faithfulness, and praise.

Find Allies
Do not try to do this alone. There are people around you who care deeply about the issues. Support one another as you do this important work.

Infiltrate Your Faith Community
Green is not just a subcommittee. It’s a way of being that touches the entire faith community. You want to weave environmental consciousness into all faith community activities.

Celebrate, Celebrate, Celebrate!
Don’t forget to have fun! Let people rejoice together in the good work that your faith community is doing. It will generate momentum for future projects, get the faith community excited about greening, and make slower periods less challenging.

It’s About Justice For Our Neighbors
In order for it to have relevance to people’s lives, it needs a human face. Engage your faith community at the local, human level. Give it a neighbor’s face. As temperatures rise and fossil fuel supplies fall, the burden of climate change weighs most heavily on the poor. When we connect environmental justice with social justice we all flourish and thrive.

Educate, Challenge, Love
Keep goals in mind, but do not rush them. Work towards them with love, patience, and a teacher’s spirit.

Don’t Scold
Because we are people of faith, our job is to fix ourselves, not fix other people. No one is blameless, so there is no need for finger-pointing.

Be Creative
Tap into the Divine, an endless source of creativity. Some of the solutions we need have not yet been developed, so let your imagination run free.

Think Globally, Act Locally (For Starters)
Advocacy for sound, sustainable public policy is critical to realizing a sustainable world. However, public policy advocacy can be difficult, even divisive. Do not engage your faith community on that level too early. When members are ready to participate at that level, invite them to do so. But, remember to keep space for loving disagreement.

Be Tenacious
Faith communities can move at a glacial pace. Be patient, stick with it, and ask for help when you need it.

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