

Gulf Coast Creation Care Membership Form

Mission: To focus the Gulf Coast community's moral attention on the climate crisis and to mobilize all people toward bold and just action.

We are a faith-based alliance of disparate faith traditions responding locally to the global climate crisis. We understand that transformational change is necessary to effectively address global warming, and we hope that you will join in this collaboration to provide the foundation for the profound spiritual change that will be essential to heal God's creation and care for those affected by our changing climate.

Faith communities and individuals who belong to a faith community that does NOT desire to join GCCC can establish Full Membership with Gulf Coast Creation care by:

- Affirming the mission of GCCC and requesting full membership;
- Donating the suggested annual dues of \$100 (congregation) / \$25 (individual) to GCCC or (if financial dues are a hardship to the congregation or individual) committing work hours to GCCC projects; and
- Sending a representative to attend at least one GCCC meeting annually.

Full members can serve as officers, attend meetings, contribute to discussions and consensus decisions, and participate in projects.

Individuals not affiliated with a faith community and non-faith-based groups can request Associate Membership with Gulf Coast Creation care by:

- Affirming the mission of GCCC and requesting associate membership, and
- Donating annual dues of \$100 (group) / \$25 (individual) to GCCC or (if financial dues are a hardship) committing work hours to GCCC projects

Associate members can attend meetings, contribute to discussions and consensus decisions, and participate in projects.

We/I want to be a Gulf Coast Creation Care congregation/member and affirm the mission of GCCC!

Congregation: _____ Website: _____

Clergy Representative: _____ Email: _____

Congregation Liaison: _____ Email: _____

or

We/I want to be a Gulf Coast Creation Care associate member, and affirm the mission of GCCC!

Name of individual: _____ Email: _____

Name of group: _____ Email: _____

Gulf Coast Creation Care

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GulfCoastCreationCare@gmail.com

Please send all forms and dues to:

25 Van Heuval St.

Mobile, AL 36606

What are we offering to communities of faith?

- Resources for forming creation care teams at places of worship.
 - Ideas for getting started, including best practices from other congregations and lists of activities that work to build involvement
 - Speakers' bureau, including speakers on environmental/social justice and environmental issues of local concern
 - One-on-one assistance for eco-team coordinators
 - Facebook page to stay connected with groups doing the same thing
 - Website to advertise what your church is doing to support God's creation
 - Collaboration with Alabama Interfaith Power and Light and other national environmental partners
- Theological support for tackling creation care.
 - Resource lists for preaching on creation care
 - Reading lists, DVDs and adult education topics
 - Theology workshop opportunities
 - Connection with others to develop a theological framework for creation care derived from our sacred scriptures.

What other things can communities of faith do?

- Commit to making creation care a priority at their place of worship, which could include
 - Form a creation care team at your place of worship;
 - Offer a book or DVD study from the list of suggestions on the GCCC website.
 - Hold at least one Earth/Creation care-focused worship service annually
 - Make efforts toward greening your place of worship/facility
 - Pledge to Be a Faith Climate Voter at www.interfaithpowerandlight.org
 - Sign the Interfaith Energy Equity Statement at www.alabamaipl.org and sign up for the "Faith, Science, Climate" newsletter from Alabama Interfaith Power and Light or connect with your state's IPL organization.