Application questions for congregations new to Claiming Your Call

Applications will be submitted through an online form at this link: https://www.tfaforms.com/5208861

Please take some time to reflect on the questions below with potential team members so that your application responses reflect a collective understanding and shared intentions.

Name and contact information for the person completing this application

Congregation name

Congregation website

Location of congregation
In a few sentences, how would you describe the place (geographic, social, and ecological) where your congregation is located?

Congregational Demographics
1. Denomination

2. Average Weekly Worship Attendance:
   0 – 25 25 – 50 50 – 100 100 – 150 150 +

3. In a few sentences, how would you describe the composition of your congregation?

Congregational Engagement with Climate and Environment

1. To what degree is your congregation engaged in climate-related or ecological concerns at this time?
   - "Tilling the ground" – no engagement yet
   - "Planting seeds" – just getting started with educating and raising awareness
   - "Sprouting" – at least one effort or event within the congregation
   - "Blooming" – ongoing and significant engagement in the congregation and community
   - "Fruiting" – we're teaching other congregations how to do this work

2. In what ways has your congregation engaged in environmental issues or caring for God's Creation in the past **18** months? (Check all that apply.)
   - Creation-centered worship service (Earth Day, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Season Creation, etc.)
   - Creation-care or "green" team / committee / task force
   - Sermon series (Season of Creation, nature themes in Scripture, etc.)
   - Partnered with other community organization on environment-related project or cause
   - Educational event or series about Creation, climate, or environmental justice
   - Intentional community engagement with nature (hikes, camping, etc.)
   - Community garden
   - Energy efficient upgrades or renovations
   - Local waterway or land clean-up
   - Ongoing study group engaging ecotheology, advocacy, "green" scripture studies, etc.
   - Participate in marches or public actions on behalf of climate or local environmental issue
   - None of the above
   - Other (please specify)

3. Briefly describe one of these efforts that was particularly meaningful for your congregation:

Congregational Call

1. In your own words, share with us a story that captures your congregation's emerging sense of call for transformational ministry in a climate-changed world. (125 word limit)

2. What strengths do you feel your congregation already possesses for stepping into this call? Where are you particularly yearning as a church to grow further into this call? (125 word limit)

Commitments

- We commit to bring a team of four to this retreat, including the lead pastor (or functional equivalent).
- We commit to actively participating in the year-long community of practice associated with this retreat.

Please attach a letter of support from a member of your local community beyond your congregation, supporting your congregation's application for participation in this program.