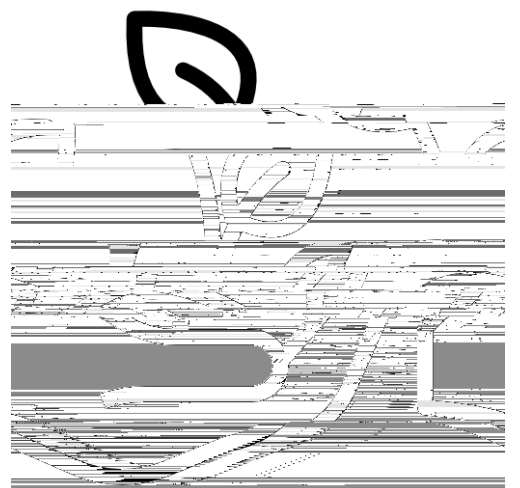




Caring for God's creation



3.1. Accordingly, Eastern Synod will:

- a) encourage and support local churches to achieve Eco Church status and progress through the award levels, celebrating successes and sharing stories.
- b) develop and implement plans to progress through the Eco Synod award levels (Bronze awarded June 2023)
- c) Calculate and track the carbon footprint of key

h) Encourage churches to work in collaboration with ecumenical partners and with/initiate local transition and sustainability groups.

i) Promote an environmental theology and encourage their churches to receive training and support on issues of environmental care and to include these in the initial and on-going training of ministers, preachers, worship leaders and elders.

Compile, promote and use resources for worship and teaching related to environmental themes.

Provide, promote and use resources and campaigns that support churches and church members to reduce their environmental footprint.

j) Encourage church congregations to be more aware of, and ready to respond to, environmental issues in their area.

k) Encourage individual members of church congregations to be environmentally aware as part of their own lifestyle.

l) Campaign at a local and/or national level for policies that care for the environment.

m) Establish the habit of recording and celebrating environmental initiatives of churches in the Synod.