

Episcopal Creation Care Gathering 2026

Wednesday - September 23, 2026			
Time	Activity	Location	Notes
11:30 am	Room Check-In Opens	Lodge	Thompson Lodge is located toward the end of the main drive - look for the porch with the rocking chairs!
12:30 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall	The dining hall is located in the Lodge. Please let our team know if you have registered any dietary restrictions. Please email camp@proctercenter.org if you are not attending lunch this day.
1:30- 3:30 pm	Room Check-in Rest and Play	Various	Check into your rooms, explore camp, go on a hike, take a nap, visit our little library or visit Hammock Hill!
4:00 pm	Gathering Check-in Welcome Social	Lobby/Thompson Hall/Front Porch	Join us for a time of welcome, introductions, and a cocktail/mocktail gathering.
6:00 pm	Dinner	Dining Hall	

6:45 pm	Farm Chores	Procter Farm	Help us take out the day's compost and feed slop to the pigs!
7:15 pm	Opening Gathering Invocation and Reflection	Thompson	Grand Opening, Invocation and Reflection
7:45 pm	PLENARY 1	Thompson	Holy Callings for the Whole Creation with the Rt. Rev. Cathleen Bascom
9:00 pm	Season of Creation Compline	Chapel	Join the ECCG worship team for this Compline which will highlight the Season of Creation.
9:30 pm	Fellowship Time	Various	You are welcome to connect and visit in the nooks, on the porches, and in the meeting rooms. Snacks and beverages are BYO. Board games are available in the lobby.
10:30 pm	Quiet Hour		Please keep rooms and hallways quiet until 7:00 am.

Thursday - September 24, 2026

Time	Activity	Location	Notes
7:00 am	Sunrise Contemplation	Dispersed	Self-Guided. Labyrinth guide sheets are in your rooms. Stations of the Cross exhibit is down the hallway in the Lodge. Hiking trail maps are available on the front table of the Lodge.
8:00 am	Wake Up the Farm!	Procter Farm	Meet Farmer Wylie in the Dining Hall to help with morning chores in the teaching garden and on Procter Farm.

8:30 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:15 am	Morning Prayer with UP WILD	Meet at the Teaching Classroom at Procter Farm	Experience a UP Wild service as Morning Prayer, led by Lanni Lantto
10:20 am	Group Picture	Red Barn	Meet in front of the Red Barn for a 2026 Group Picture!
10:30 am	PLENARY 2	Thompson	Episcopal Eco-Region Networks and Where You Are Called - the Rt. Rev. Cathleen Bascom & Hampton Randall
12:20 pm	Blessing for Lunch & Announcements	Thompson	
12:30 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 pm	Restoration Hour	Rooms, other	Take this time to rest your body, mind, and soul. Naps are encouraged! You are welcome to rest in the hammocks, on the porches, or in your rooms. This is also a quiet hour for all of Procter, so please be mindful of noise in the hallways, etc.
2:00 pm	WORKSHOPS A We will gather in Thompson for announcements and then break into groups.	Thompson	PRAY - Regenerative Spirituality in a climate-changed world. Spiritual Care in a climate-changed world requires Regenerative Spirituality. Jesus Christ modeled the process from Crisis to Regeneration through the Triduum. By understanding the regenerative process, we can participate with the Holy Spirit in caring for each other and creation, even in times of significant transition. - Carrie Allport & Rev. Kirstin Swanson

			LEARN - This will be a workshop about Churchland, focusing on the land on which the Church is present - stewardship, justice, and reparations. We will take our workshop group out onto the land at Procter Center for part of the discussion, weather permitting, and will engage with Procter’s grappling with these topics. We can also engage with related issues around food justice and food sovereignty. Facilitators will be Brian Sellers-Petersen, Phoebe Chatfield, and Sarah Alphin. ACT - Building Climate Resilience: Faith, Community and Action in a Changing World - Explore how communities around the globe are responding to climate change through practical, locally driven solutions. This workshop highlights the work of Episcopal Relief & Development, from microfinance and climate-resilient agriculture to water access and disaster preparedness. Participants will also discover tools and simple, actionable steps—“Just One Thing”—to strengthen climate resilience in their own lives, organizations, and communities. - Chad Brinkman ADVOCATE - Best practices for beginning a creation care ministry or “green team”: 4-5 concrete steps to develop and grow your congregation’s green team. Strategies for pollinating the work of creation care throughout the life of your congregation and with other congregations in your community. - Rev. Stephanie Johnson
3:30 pm	Break		
4:00 pm	WORKSHOPS B	Thompson	PRAY -Tending to God’s Garden - Christian Ecological Virtues

	We will gather in Thompson for announcements and then break into groups.		As Christians, we are called to love of God and love of neighbor. As we live into this double command of love, we, as beloved children of God, partner with God to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant. We practice patterns of behavior and virtue to become who God has called us to be. Christian virtue ethics are rooted in Scripture, worship practices, and God's abundant grace. Ecologically, virtue ethics are part of how Christians learn to love not only God and neighbor, but also God's good creation. - Dr. Kendra Jernigan LEARN - Reading Creation: A practical method for reading Scripture through an ecological justice lens that can be used in Bible study, preaching preparation, and personal devotion. A deeper understanding of how biblical prophetic tradition speaks directly to environmental racism and the disproportionate harm borne by communities of color and the Global South. Participants will gain confidence to connect their own spiritual journey with concrete action for ecological healing in their local context. -Rev. Melanie Mullen ACT- Faith-Based Environmental Education for Children and Youth. This workshop will highlight the mission of Barrier Island's environmental education and will involve a blend of theory and activity to introduce methods of advocacy for sustainability, stewardship, and conservation through education. Three key takeaways will include a stronger understanding of sustainable methods through gardening, an ethic of stewardship through monitoring and protection of wildlife, and the pressing importance of generational conservation through education Tyler Harris
5:30 pm	Break		Visit Free Table, Sample Table and Resource Table!

6:00 pm	Dinner	Dining Hall	
6:45 pm	Farm Chores	Farm	Help deliver Slop & Compost with Farmer Wylie - includes a visit to the pigs!
7:15 pm	PLENARY 3	Thompson	Live recording of Spade, Spoon, Soul with guest Rev. Canon Cornelia Eaton, Navajoland
8:30 pm	Eco-Grief and Resilience Compline Campfire	Red Barn Fire Pit	Led by Phoebe Chatfield & Rev. Stephanie Johnson
10:00 pm	Fellowship Time	Various	You are welcome to connect and visit in the nooks, on the porches, and in the meeting rooms. Snacks and beverages are BYO. Board games are available in the lobby.
10:30 pm	Quiet Hour		Please keep rooms and hallways quiet until 7:00 am.

Friday - September 25, 2026

Time	Activity	Location	Notes
7:00 am	Sunrise Contemplation		Self-Guided. Labyrinth guide sheets are in your rooms. Stations of the Cross exhibit is down the hallway in the Lodge Hiking trail maps are available on the front table.
8:00 am	Wake up the farm!	Procter Farm	Meet Farmer Wylie in the dining hall and then head out to wake up the farm with a few farm chores!
8:30 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall	

9:15 am	AM Prayer/Terra Divina	Lake Leo Fire Ring	Led by Jeanette Ettin Golf cart rides will be available for those who are unable to walk.
10:15 am	PLENARY 3	Thompson	Panel of Leaders - What is the shape of Creation Care in The Episcopal Church?
12:20 pm	Announcements and Lunch Blessing	Thompson	
12:30 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 pm	Restoration Hour	Rooms, other	Take this time to rest your body, mind, and soul. Naps are encouraged! You are welcome to rest in the hammocks, on the porches, or in your rooms. This is also a quiet hour for all of Procter, so please be mindful of noise in the hallways, etc.
2:00 pm	WORKSHOPS C We will gather in Thompson for announcements and then break into groups.	Thompson	LEARN- Title: Hope in the End of the World Description: This session explores apocalyptic hope as a gift and challenge for Christian ecological witness. Rather than hoping to sustain the world as it is, this approach to environmental ethics learns from Christianity's apocalyptic traditions to hope that the world (not the earth or creation but the modes of violence that make up our ways of relating to one another and other creatures) will end. - Dr. Kyle Lambelet PRAY - Let All Creation Preach: Eco-Preaching - How might preachers cultivate sermon writing as a spiritual discipline in a way that connects them and their listeners with natural and human ecosystems? In this workshop, we will explore practices to attune

			preachers to the more-than-human world of Scripture, such as <i>lectio divina</i> through a green lens, and deep listening with creation. -Dr. Kristen Daley Mosier Advocate - Revisioning Spiritual Practices for an Ecologically Prophetic Church For many who work for ecological sustainability and social justice, sustaining spiritual health for resistance is difficult, if not impossible. Contemporary human cultures are built on exploitative systems diminishing the earth's capacity for sustaining life. It is increasingly difficult to maintain vision for a future in which all creatures can thrive on our abundant earth. This workshop will explore a rethinking of spiritual practices for grounding communities in understandings of abundance and prophetic vision. We will explore practices for deepening connection to the earth, practices challenging complacency, and practices seeking to end necrophilic cultures. -Dr. Timothy Van Meter ACT - Unearthing Inequity A healed land is now healing people. A historically Black parish and surrounding community lead efforts to revive a ravaged creek and wetland after a quarter-century of sewage and trash dumping by the city. The now-healed land is helping to bring healing and wholeness to the community's Black residents. - Rev. Jemonde Taylor
3:45 pm	Break		
4:00 pm	WORKSHOPS D We will gather in Thompson for	Thompson	PRAY -- <i>Ora et Labora</i>: Benedictine Spirituality and Creation Care Exploring a Benedictine approach to creation care and how the Community of Saint Mary (CSM) lives this out in a monastic context.

	announcements and then break into groups.	This workshop will introduce Benedictine spirituality and then explore how the Rule of St. Benedict provides useful insights about sustainable living. We will also review the Organic Prayer Program Internship, an opportunity for young adults to learn about organic gardening and creation care and how it bridges this knowledge with the monastic rhythm of prayer, including how they create and host their own contemplative prayer services. Finally, we will discuss how the sisters of CSM integrate sustainable practices in their lives and worship. In discussing all of these topics - Benedictine spirituality, the internship, and contemporary monastic life we will explore how anyone can integrate Benedictine practices surrounding sustainability and creation care into their own lives and ministries. - Sr. Marcella Dudley LEARN - Grounding the Word in the Earth: Biblical Studies for Eco-Justice This workshop equips faith leaders with the critical awareness and spiritual resilience required to navigate the complexities of climate justice and environmental racism. By bridging the gap between systemic socio-political analysis and personal spiritual formation, the session provides a rigorous framework for Climate Justice that goes beyond surface-level advocacy. Participants will engage in intersectional approaches to ethics, drawing on the experiences of the Global South and indigenous communities to understand the systemic causes of the climate crisis. Attendees will leave with practical skills to build community-based strategies for restoration and repair, along with clear next steps to support the flourishing of their own eco-justice ministry. - Dr. Delia R. Heck & Rev. Melanie Mullen ACT - Be Thou My Vision: Indigenous Perspectives on Eco-theology. Historical trajectory of eco-racism in our nation and church, and how climate change is a byproduct of these trajectories.
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			How shifting perspective to a counter-cultural church entity that acknowledges the severity of climate change and ecological collapse is necessary, and most importantly, how incorporating indigenous philosophy into our spaces is a good step. I hope a lecture or presentation would leave people with a greater understanding of the history of our nation and faith, and a greater understanding of indigenous perspectives on what we would call co-theology. - Ben Gouffon
5:30 pm	Break		
6:00 pm	Cook-Out Dinner	Pavilion Campfire	Join us for an informal cook-out style meal (weather permitting). We will have lawn games and campfire S'Mores for dessert
6:45 pm	Farm Chores		Help take Slop & compost out with Farmer Wylie
7:30 pm	Hayride	Procter Woodland	Golf cart shuttles will be available for those who prefer not to take the Hayride. You may also hike the mile walk to the woods.
8:00 pm	Reclaiming the Night & Wonder	Procter Woodland	Experiential workshop and Compline led by Katherine Bomboy
9:00 pm	Hayride back to Camp		Golf cart shuttles will be available for those who prefer not to take the Hayride. You may also hike the mile walk back.
9:30 pm	Fellowship Time	Various	You are welcome to connect and visit in the nooks, on the porches, and in the meeting rooms. Snacks and beverages are BYO.
10:30 pm	Quiet Hour		Please maintain quiet in rooms and hallways until 7:00 am

Saturday - September 26, 2026

Time	Activity	Location	Notes
7:00 am	Sunrise Prayer Walk	Labyrinth, Farm, Woods	Self-Guided
8:00 am	Farm Chores	Procter Farm	Meet Farmer Wylie in the dining hall to help wake up the farm!
8:30 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:15 am	AM Prayer at the Labyrinth	Labyrinth	Season of Creation Morning Prayer, led by Cam Norman and Garine Adams
9:45 am	Open Space	Thompson	Round table discussion hour - we will begin in Thompson -Sustainable Eco Ministry: Sustaining eco programs during times of change/Strategies for finding leaders for those programs/ Action planning - Garine Adams, VTS Cultivate -How to develop Creation Care Advocacy, Building Collaborative Faith Creation Care Actions, Review of Great Lakes Carbon Survey - Jan Strait, Dio Great Lakes -Deep Green Faith- Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel -What do you want to share?
10:45 am	Closing Session Unpacking Practices and the Future	Thompson	Learnings from the Retreat - What will you take home? Unpacking and what comes next, led by Jerusalem Greer, Rev. Heather Barta, and Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel, and whomever we call in!

12:00 pm	Final Announcements	Thompson	
12:15 pm	Farm-to-Table Eucharist Lunch	Pavilion	Come experience a farm-to-table Eucharist with a liturgy you can take home! Presided by Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel
1:30 pm	Farewell!	Rooms	Room Check-Out

Important Info:

- Procter's resident deacon is Rev. Libbie Crawford. Her room is 101 in the Lodge. She can help with any Lodge issues.
- A first aid kit is located in the copier room across from the public bathrooms in the Lodge. Other first aid kits are in the main room of Blanchard Commons and in Cottage 4.
- The binders in your rooms have all emergency contact information.