



Creation Care Sunday

April 16, 2023

*'Christ is Lord of All - Connecting with Neighbourhood Stories'
Creation Care Intergen - April 16, 2023*

Scripture: Psalm. 148:1-13; Colossians 1:15-17; Revelation 22:1-5

We will take 25 min to visit the Stations - we recommend up to 3 Stations, take your time, you do not need to visit all the stations.

We kindly ask the Prayer/Meditation Station in the East Lounge be respected as a Quiet Area

There are many books and resources on the tables. Kindly return these to the tables as they need to be returned to the Toronto Public Library or their owner.

1. Plants

Psalm 104:14

Location: West Lounge

- Name 5 native edible plants in your area.
- Name 5 trees in your area. Are any of them native?
- What spring wildflower is consistently among the first to bloom where you live?

Activities:

- Planting seeds for Community Garden/Tomato Slices
- Scavenger Hunt Identify 5 Plants on SGC Property:
 1. Iconic Canadian Tree;
 2. White Flowers/Blue Fruit;
 3. Related to Onions
 4. Early Spring Blue-mer (non-native);
 5. Useful for wood pulp and lumber.
- NCC Quiz Gardening for Nature NCC: [How much do you know about spring gardening for nature? \(natureconservancy.ca\)](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/learn/quiz-gardening-for-nature);
- NCC: [Test your knowledge of these native Canadian species \(natureconservancy.ca\)](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/learn/test-your-knowledge-of-these-native-canadian-species)

2. Creatures - Animals/Insects/Birds

Genesis 9:8-10

Location: West Lounge

- Name 5 residential birds in your area. If they migrate, where do they go?
- Name 5 creatures that find their home in Toronto's ravines.
- What is your favourite and least favourite local insect? What is their purpose in the ecosystem?
- Which local birds eat which local insects?

Activities:

- Quizzes NCC Animal Signs NCC: [You can be a nature detective! \(natureconservancy.ca\)](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/education/activities/you-can-be-a-nature-detective),
- Bird Calls NCC: [How many bird songs and calls can you recognize? \(natureconservancy.ca\)](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/education/activities/how-many-bird-songs-and-calls-can-you-recognize);
- [Five questions about Canada's pollinators](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/education/activities/five-questions-about-canada-s-pollinators)

3. Land - Soil/Geology

Psalm 104:18; Genesis 2:11-12

Location: Worship Area Front

- Describe the soil around your home.
- What primary geological event or process influenced the land form where you live?
- What kind of rocks and minerals are found in your area?
- What is significant about Toronto's Tommy Thompson Park (BONUS: How does the park connect with each of the 6 Station categories?)

Activity:

- NCC Quiz Alvars [NCC: 5 questions about alvars: a rare ecosystem \(natureconservancy.ca\)](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/education/activities/5-questions-about-alvars)

4. Water

Psalm 104:10-11

Location: Worship Area Back

- Trace the water you drink from precipitation to tap
- What watershed do you live in? Find/Draw a map of your watershed and mark local landmarks on it.
- Why are watersheds important?

Activities:

- Where am I in my Watershed? Mark where you live on a watershed map.
- What Is a Watershed? - [Quiz | Wonderopolis](https://www.wonderopolis.com/what-is-a-watershed);
- [NCC: How much do you know about wetlands? \(natureconservancy.ca\)](https://www.natureconservancy.ca/education/activities/how-much-do-you-know-about-wetlands)

5. People

Genesis 2:15

Location: West Lounge

- What were the primary subsistence techniques of the culture(s) that lived in your area before you?
- Name and describe 5 Toronto Urban Food organizations (ie Farms, Fruit Harvesting, small scale Food Production/Distribution Organizations)
- How many people live next door to you? What are their names?

Activities:

- Neighbour Link write cards for Mother's Day single moms
- [Meet your Neighbour Tic Tac Toe](#)

6. Waste and Energy Systems

John 6:12; Rev. 21:23-24

Location: Library

- Where does your garbage/recycling/compost go and what happens to it/who does it impact?
- Where does the energy come from to heat/cool your home?
- How is your electricity produced and where does it come from?

Activities:

- Storytime with Karen 'Where does it Come From, Where Does it Go?' by Mariko Uda www.ecomariko.com
- Colouring Sheets
- Food Waste Quiz [WWF Take the Food Waste Quiz | Pages | WWF \(worldwildlife.org\)](#)
- NCC: [Five questions about light pollution \(natureconservancy.ca\)](#)

7. Prayer/Meditation

Psalms 1:1-3

Location: Prayer Room/East Lounge

- A quiet space to pray and meditate on Creation Care, either on your own or using resources provided. You will be introduced to the spiritual exercises of visio divina, which means "holy seeing," and lectio terra ("reading creation").

For additional resources visit:

- <https://thewell.intervarsity.org/spiritual-formation/good-shepherd-visio-divina-2021>
- <https://arocha.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Week-2-Activity-Lectio-Tierra.pdf>
- See also Gift of Wonder: Creative Practices for Delighting in God by Christine Aroney-Sine (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2019). Note: SGC Resource Centre has a copy.

Miscellaneous Resources:

- A Rocha Canada: <https://arocha.ca>
- Lausanne: <https://lausanne.org/content/creation-care-work-place>
- City of Toronto: Water & Environment - City of Toronto; Recycling, Organics & Garbage - City of Toronto <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/>
- Nature of Things episode on the Leslie Street Spit <https://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/episodes/accidental-wilderness-the-leslie-street-spit>

Books:

- *Under the Bright Wings* by Peter and Miranda Harris; *Planted* by Leah Kostamo; *A Place at the Table* by Jo Swinney and Miranda Harris; *Stewards of Eden* by Sandra L. Richter
- City of Toronto Biodiversity Guides: Biodiversity in the City - City of Toronto <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/parks-gardens-beaches/ravines-natural-parklands/biodiversity-in-the-city/>

Urban Food Initiatives in North York/Toronto:

- Zawadi Farms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-Jn1dKsuw>
- Neighbours Feeding Neighbours: <https://www.nfn.farm/>
- Not Far From the Tree: <https://notfarfromthetree.org/>
- Las Chicas Coffee (Direct Trade): <https://laschicasdelcafe.com/> <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/las-chicas-coffee-fair-trade-1.4397306>; - <https://aromanica.coffee/blog>

Netflix:

- Biggest Little Farm
- Our Great National Parks with Barack Obama

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