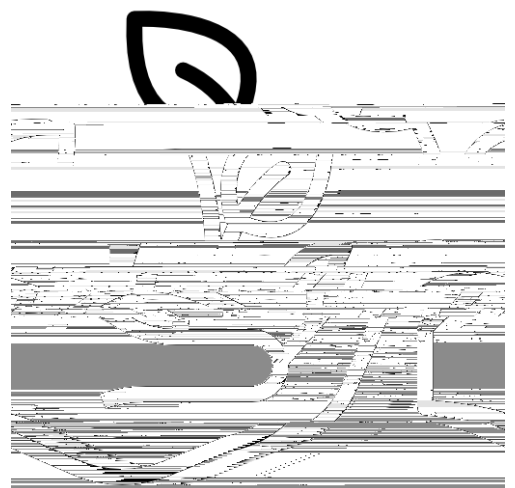




## Caring for God's creation





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.