

## An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice

### 2025 Year End Report

2025 was another expansive year for the Path. The bulk of the ministry this year involved developing formal relationships with all of the Dioceses in Province One, and coordinating with the newly established EcoRegion in Province One. The numbers below reflect the focus on creating pathways for sharing events, recruiting parishes and companions, and becoming involved in the lives of the 7 dioceses in Province One. In all of these, attention was paid to leveraging existing systems rather than creating separate new structures. With all of this “behind the scenes” work undertaken in 2025, 2026 is shaping up to have a much broader reach for programming across the Province, and to greatly expand the capacity of the program for working with parishes.

1. Open Enrollment Year 1 Completed (May 2025)
  - a. 13 parishes enrolled in Path
    - i. MA, VT, ME, CT, NH
  - b. 4 new companions trained
    - i. RI, MA, CT
    - ii. 2 Companions from outside Province One attended trainings
2. Path Enters Year 2 of Open Enrollment
  - a. 8 parishes enrolled in Path for 2025-2026
  - b. Path offers 3 webinars addressing aspects of the 4 pillars
    - i. Beyond Plastics webinar (Feb)
    - ii. Season of Creation Webinar (Jul)
    - iii. Lawyers for Good Governance solar rebate webinar (Sept)
  - c. APLM St Francis Day workshop - Oct 4th workshop offered by Path around liturgical resources for cultivating a creation care ethos in parishes
  - d. Diocese of Vermont Zero Emissions Task Force “Powered By Love” workshop - collaborative offering with newly established ZETF network in the Diocese of VT to provide information to parishes about achieving zero emissions before 20234 (in accordance with GC resolution)
  - e. Path and EcoRegion collaborate with ECCT leaders to offer a “Season of Creation Daily Devotional”
    - i. Resource drew from writers and photographers across Province One
    - ii. Largest distribution list for an email list in the Diocese of Western MA

- iii. Plans for 2026 are already in the works with the addition of a Prayers of the People segment - additional collaboration from the Diocese of RI
  - f. Path offers diocesan specific trainings/programs
    - i. 2 trainings for Dio MA wardens
    - ii. Meetings with Creation Care team in RI
    - iii. Developed a plan for multi year support of Micah 6 committee in NH
    - iv. Developed a plan for supporting Creation Care team in ECCT in collaboration with ECCT staff and leadership
    - v. Began conversations for a Path presence at a conference in the Diocese of Maine summer 2026
- 3. Church Wide Presence and EcoRegion
  - a. EcoRegion in Province One established in April 2025 as part of resolution BOO2
    - i. Path coordinates a meeting in Worcester MA for bishops from Prov 1 EcoRegion and Bp Cathleen Bascom (EcoRegion resolution author and TEC Consultant for EcoRegions)
  - b. Path offers to coordinate network and events for EcoRegion for 2025-2027
  - c. Path cultivates National Network of 26+ different diocesan leaders looking to establish the Path in their own diocese
  - d. Path Manager attends first EcoRegion gathering in Kansas (Spring 2025)
  - e. Coordinated with ELCA Synod in New England to share Path resources and support the expansion of the Path into the Lutheran churches
  - f. Began developing a leadership team to coordinate a CT River Pilgrimage for Summer 2027
- 4. Organization and Development
  - a. Path Advisory Circle met quarterly with reps from almost every diocese in the Province
    - i. Stephanie Johnson CT, John Lemly MA, Jimmy Pickett WMA, Dana Stivers ME, Nathan Bourne NH
    - ii. Bishop Doug Fisher (WMA) and Ed Campbell (RI) joined the advisory circle as representatives for the EcoRegion in August 2025
    - iii. Welcoming Rev Pamela Mott (ME) onto Advisory Circle in 2026
  - b. Continued developing collaboration with Province One around finance and administration
  - c. Submitted grant request with Trinity Wall Street in partnership with Creation Justice Ministries and the Center for Spirituality in Nature
  - d. Liaised with every diocese in Province One to grow the program and establish it fully in each diocese in Province One

- i. Meetings to strategize best ways Path can support existing Creation Care ministries in each diocese, and entire diocesan structures
  - ii. We have a balanced budget for 2026!
    - 1. Path Manager will increase from  $\frac{1}{3}$  time to  $\frac{1}{2}$  time for 2026
- e. Convened Diocesan Communication staff from every diocese in Province to create a communications plan for integrating the Path
  - i. Revised and launched an updated “Green Justice News” to share Path resources and events
- f. Continued community partnership conversations with: Center for Spirituality in Nature, Creation Justice Ministries, Trinity Wall Street, BTS Center, A Rocha, Episcopal Relief and Development, and Blessed Tomorrow