EPISCOPAL PROVINCE VIII • MINISTRIES REPORT SUBMISSION

Green Calendar of The Episcopal Church

Ministry Summary, Structural Overview, and Province VIII Alignment

Ministry / Initiative	Green Calendar of The Episcopal Church (**calendar.online/reader_all**)	**Reporting Province**	Province VIII (Western U.S. & Pacific)
Submitting Group	Province VIII Creation Care Network	**Submitting Parish / Group**	n/a
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1. Executive Overview & Purpose

The **Green Calendar of The Episcopal Church** (https://calendar.online/reader_all) is a churchwide, shared digital calendar initiative coordinated across Episcopal creation care networks, dioceses, EcoRegions, provinces, and the Green Caucus of The Episcopal Church. Designed as a centralized clearinghouse for ecological ministry, the calendar aggregates liturgical observances, educational webinars, book studies, regional pilgrimages, advocacy gatherings, and governance meetings across the Church.

By connecting local parish committees with provincial and churchwide initiatives, the Green Calendar strengthens collaborative stewardship, prevents scheduling overlap among creation care leaders, and aligns grassroots environmental action with General Convention commitments to net carbon neutrality and ecological justice.

2. Organizational Structure & Sub-Calendars

The calendar operates on a multi-tiered sub-calendar architecture that allows clergy, lay leaders, and parishioners to filter events by geographic province, diocese, ecological bioregion, or thematic network:

- **Churchwide & Caucus Channels:** Includes official Episcopal Church Creation Care monthly calls, Green Caucus of The Episcopal Church gatherings, and liturgy-focused prayer services open to all Episcopalians.
- **EcoRegion Sub-Calendars:** Organizes events around shared watersheds and ecological boundaries—including the *Pacific Coastal EcoRegion*, *Grasslands*, *Appalachian*, *Great Lakes*, *Chesapeake Bay*, and *Watersheds of the Gulf Coast*—encouraging bioregional collaboration across diocesan lines.
- **Provincial & Diocesan Networks:** Dedicated feeds for Provinces I through IX and individual diocesan environmental commissions (such as the Diocese of Northern California Commission on the Environment and the Diocese of Colorado).

3. Relevance & Activity in Province VIII

Province VIII—spanning the western United States, Alaska, Hawai‘i, and Pacific island jurisdictions—maintains active representation within the Green Calendar ecosystem through dedicated **[P8]** sub-calendars and Pacific Coastal EcoRegion listings.

Key Province VIII engagements tracked through the calendar include monthly Zoom gatherings of the **Province VIII Creation Care Network**, regional creation care conferences addressing shared western climate challenges (such as wildfire resilience, watershed stewardship, and Indigenous partnership), and diocesan environmental commission meetings.

4. Core Calendar Categories & Recurring Offerings

Category	Representative Observances & Programs	Cadence & Audience
Liturgical & Prayer	Season of Creation observances; Creation Care Compline (sponsored by the Green Caucus); daily creation devotions.	Seasonal (Sept 1 – Oct 4) & monthly (1st Mondays); open to all Episcopalians.
Provincial & Regional Networks	Province VIII Creation Care Network meetings; Province VIII Creation Care Conference; diocesan environmental commissions.	Monthly & annual regional gatherings; Province VIII clergy and lay green leaders.
Churchwide Governance & Advocacy	Green Caucus of The Episcopal Church monthly meetings; General Convention creation care resolution strategy sessions.	Monthly (3rd Wednesdays); deputies, advocates, and interested parishioners.
Education & Formation	Episcopal Church Creation Care webinars; *Love God, Love God's World* Q&A sessions; creation-focused book discussions.	Monthly & series-based; parish educators, adult formation groups, and clergy.
Place-Based & EcoRegion Action	Eco-pilgrimages (e.g., Rocky Flats Eco Pilgrimage), watershed trainings, and regional climate action meetups.	Scheduled locally; bioregional parishes and ecumenical partners.

5. Ministry Impact & Recommendations for Province VIII Parishes

> **Recommended Action for Congregations:** Parishes and diocesan committees within Province VIII are encouraged to subscribe to the *[P8]* and *Pacific Coastal EcoRegion* sub-calendars, submit local creation care events to the shared calendar for provincial visibility, and integrate monthly Creation Care Compline and Season of Creation liturgies into annual parish worship planning.

We expect this may best be accomplished by submitting events to a designated diocesan communicator and those given similar editing rights for each sub-calendar. Associated monthly expenses include approximately $24 subscription paid for by Perry and requested for reimbursement through Province VIII requests from provincial Creation Care Network co-directors.