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**SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES'
ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE**

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATORY EVENTS/EXERCISES

Sacred Sanctuary

Most faith groups have committees responsible for various aspects of governing and caring for the property, life and work of their faith community. This could include those responsible for cleaning, maintaining, repairing, gardening, catering, administration, etc. Challenge each of these committees to prepare for specific ecological action within their area of responsibility on Earth-Keeper Day.

Conclude these Earth-keeper Day activities with a shared, eco-friendly celebratory meal preceded by a prayer of blessing for the efforts of all concerned, the future processes and procedures of the faith community, and the food to be shared. An example is given below.

*Creator God,
we gather in this sanctuary to praise and honour You,
yet there are many things that we do in caring for this space
that destroy Your creation and make life easier for us in this place,
but do not bring honour and glory to You as Creator.
Help us to raise the necessary motivation and commitment to make radical changes
in our mode of thinking and our actions to avoid further damages
to the environment and the earth that sustains
us.
Help us to honour in every possible way that we
can, the sanctity of all life
and You, Lord God, as the ultimate giver and
sustainer of all that lives on earth.
Bless this time of practical praise in serving you
today;
bless this gathering of friends and family;
bless this celebratory meal to be shared, the
fruits of Your creation.
Amen.*



EARTH KEEPER DAY
a day of love for creation