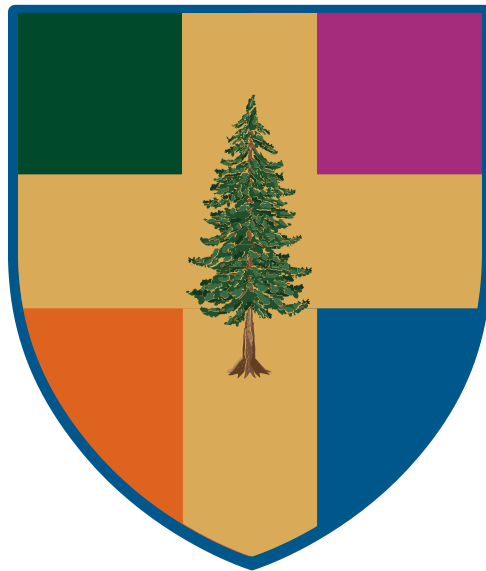
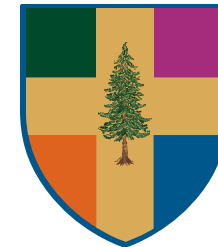




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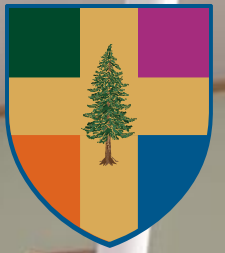
Creation Care Team Report

2025 Diocesan Convention



This year for **Earth Day**,
we feature St. Paul's in
Fort Fairfield!





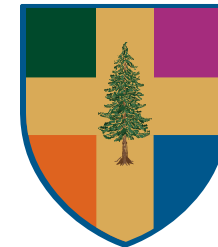
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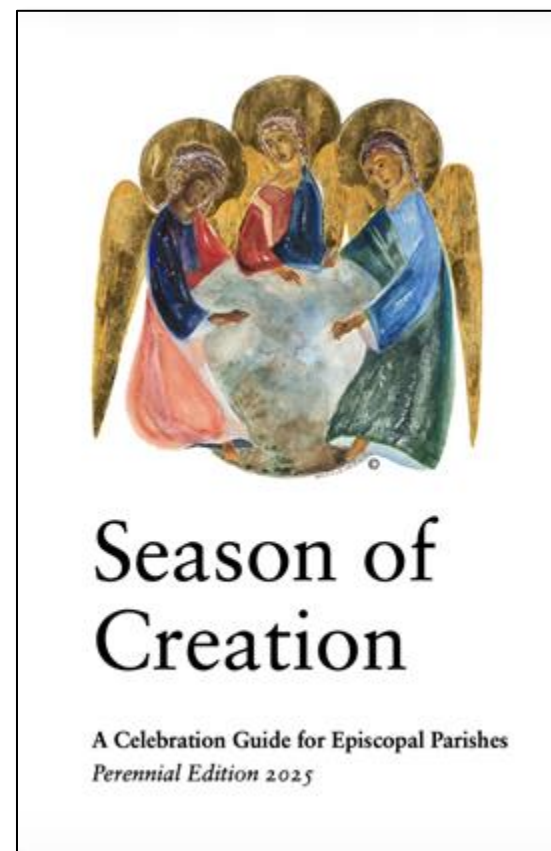
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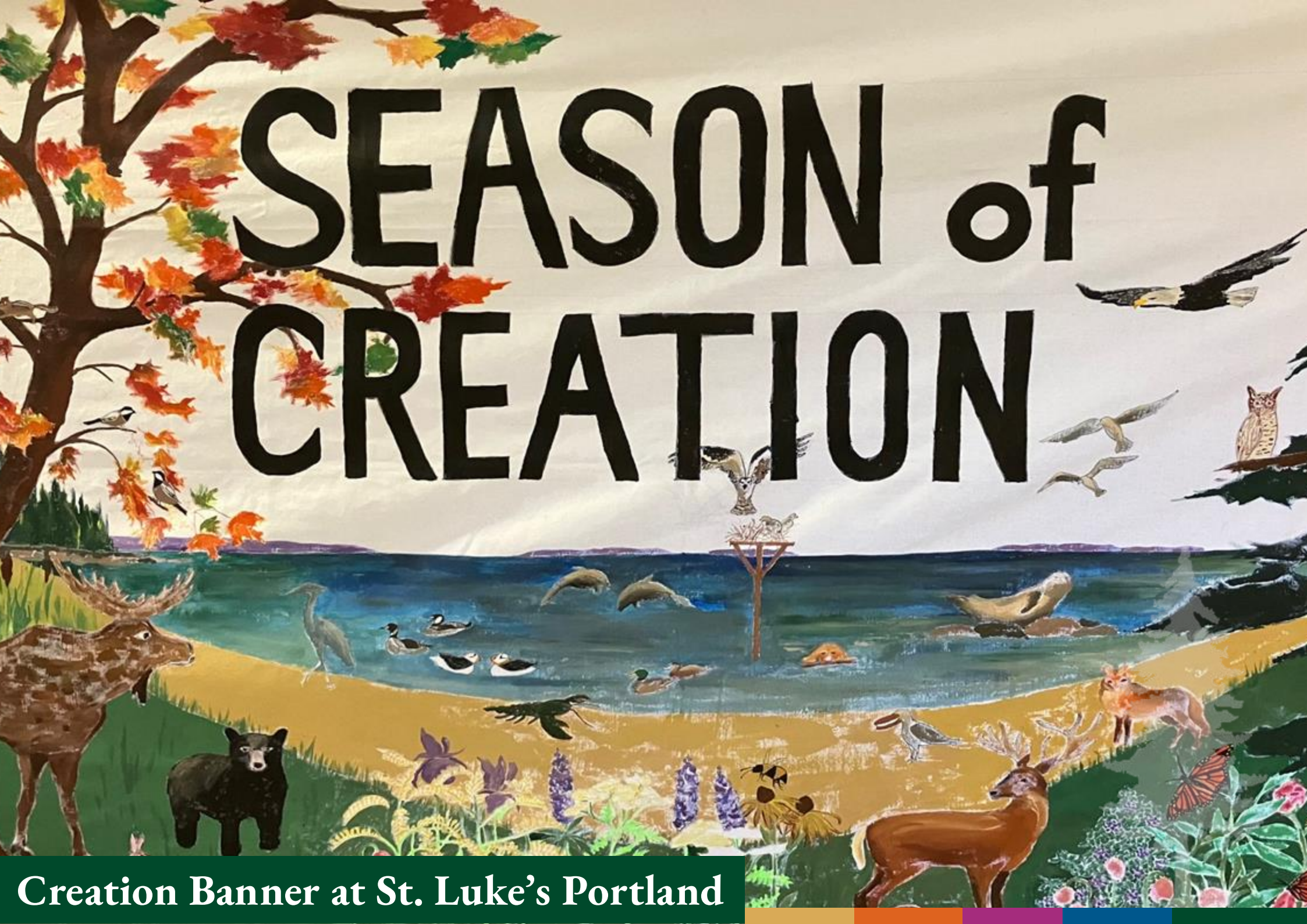
Celebrating the Season of Creation!



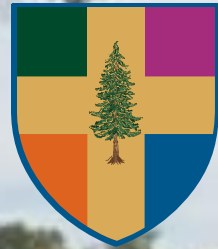
- From the *Feast of Creation* on Sept. 1 to the *Feast of St. Francis* on Oct. 5.
- Presented the new perennial *Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes* with the *Episcopal Path to Creation Justice*



SEASON of CREATION



Creation Banner at St. Luke's Portland



At St. Andrew's in Newcastle

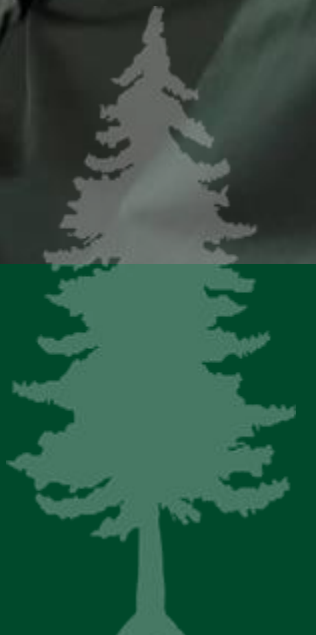
Episcopalians gathered with Unitarians, Friends, and Congregationalists to recreate “The Web Of Life” beside the Damariscotta River

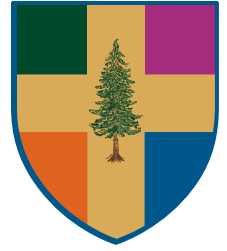




Parish Picnic in Dennysville

St. Aidan's Machias and Christ Church Eastport met halfway
for the Feast of Creation on Sept. 1.





Our Earth Keepers on the Mission

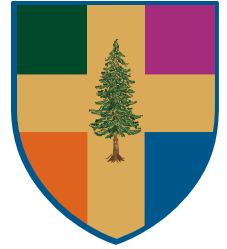
- Promoting Creation Justice at the Parish through advocacy, education, and action
- Yearly gathering for encouragement
- Who is called in your parish? *Get them connected!*



Sarah Braik (third from left)
with inter-parish study group at St. Luke's Portland



James Jacobson
Christ Church Gardiner



“Bait and Switch” from Averyl Hill

- We poison rodent “vermin” with bait boxes, thinking that is the end.

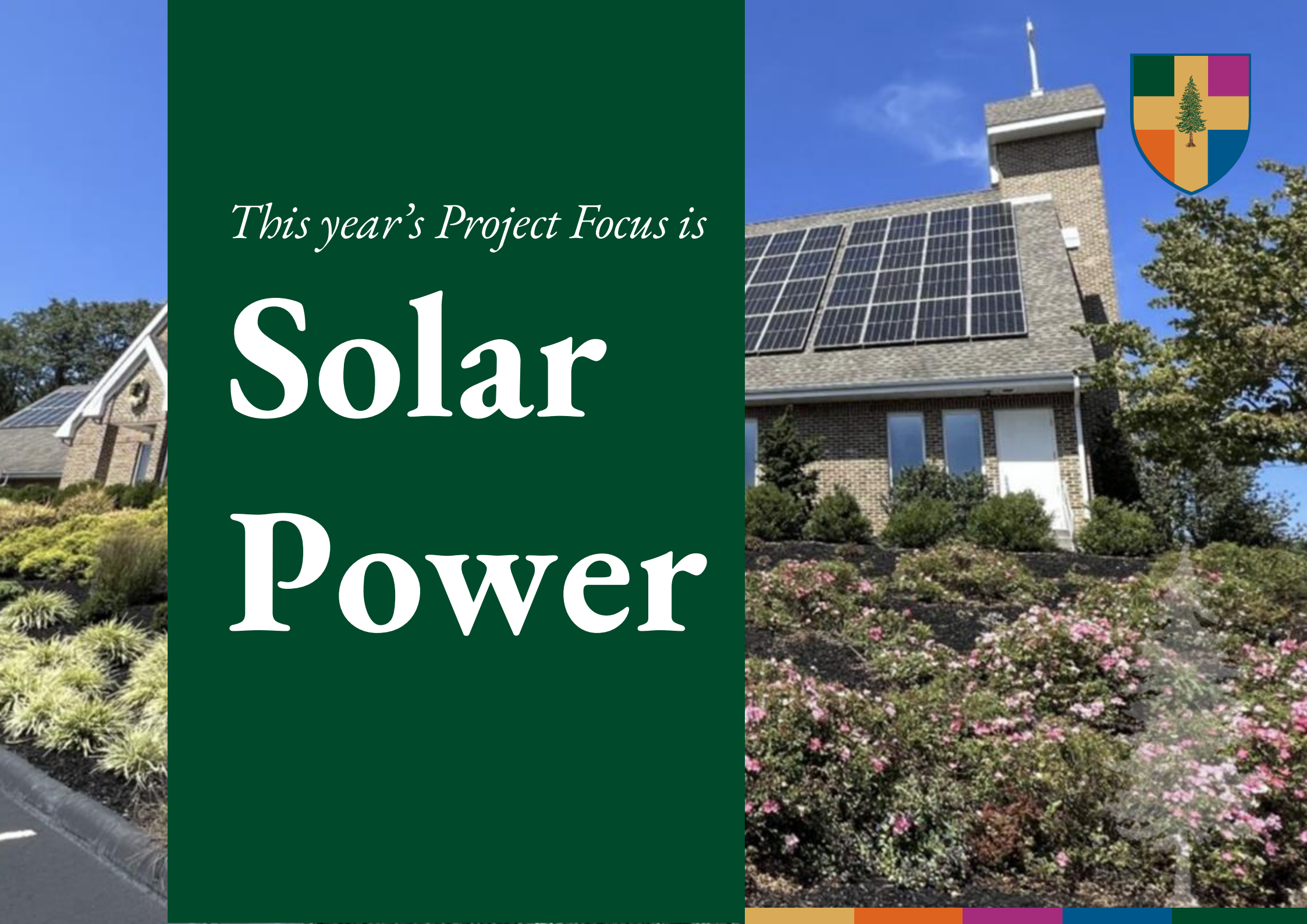


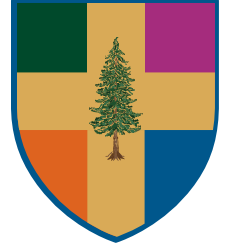
- **But!** Secondary poisoning kills hawks, eagles, cats, and other wildlife.
- **Instead:** exclude! Find and fix all open holes using products like *Xcluder* to protect wildlife and children.



This year's Project Focus is

Solar Power

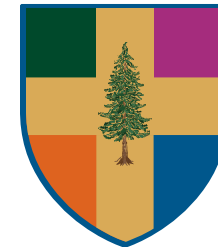




Encouraging Solar Power Options

- Energy independence
- Long-term benefits
- Visible sign of mission
- Saves money





Good Options for Solar Power at your Parish or Home

1. Purchase and install your own:

- More work and cost...
- For more savings and independence

2. Participate in a solar farm

- No risk, easy start





Installed Solar

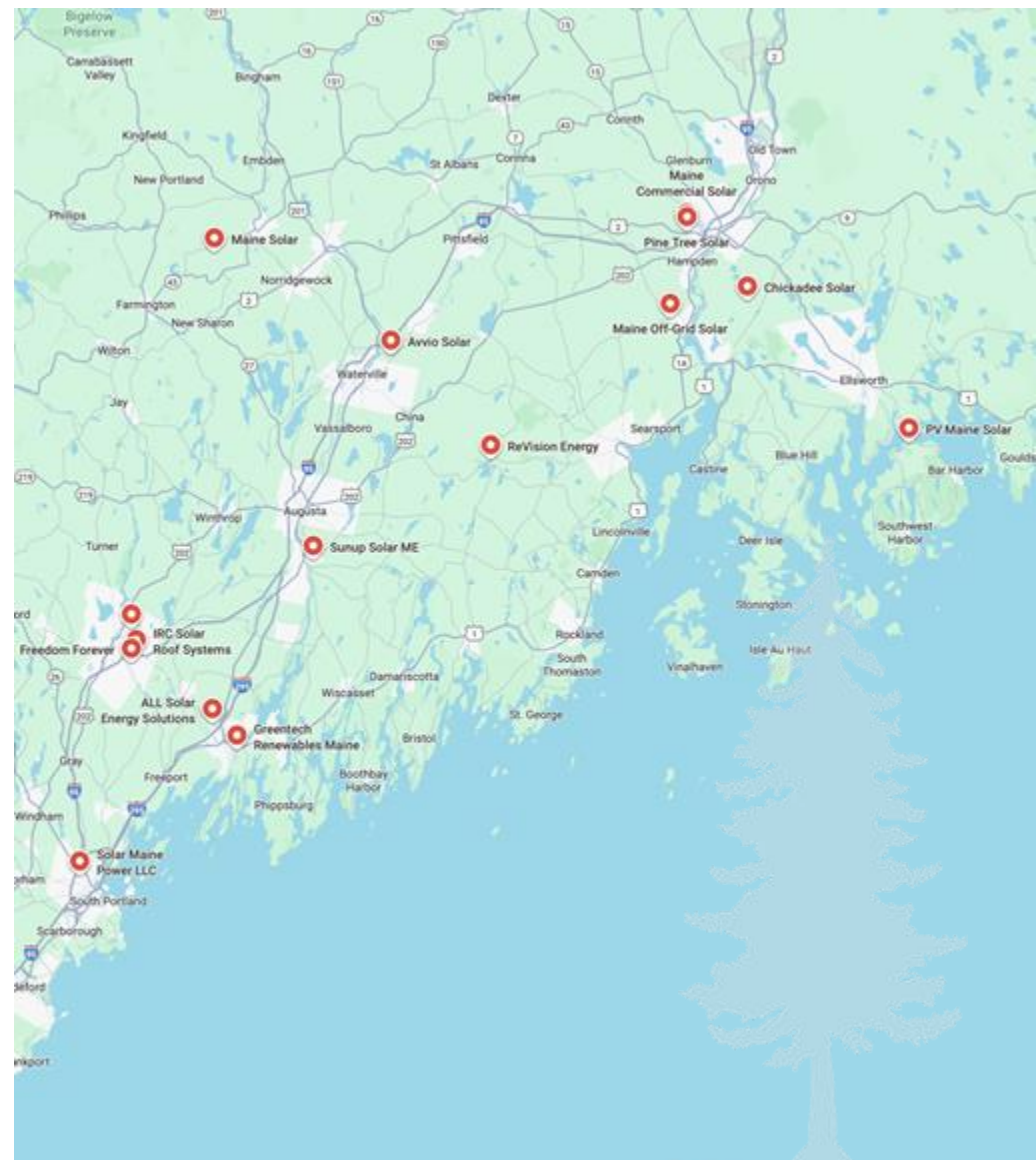
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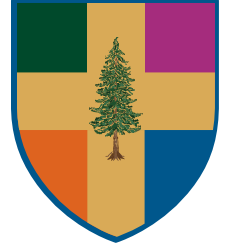
1. Environmental Impact
2. Lowest-cost (even free) power
2. Predictable energy costs

Disadvantages

1. Solar exposure required
2. Upfront investment
3. Choose installer carefully

Contact installer for quote





Join a Solar Farm

Advantages

1. **No risk**; backed up by grid
2. Up to **15% discounted bills**
3. Helping bring power to others

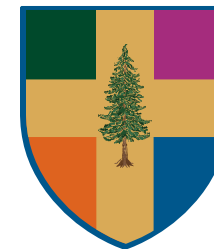
Disadvantages

1. Can take time to get savings
2. Limited independence and savings

Contact a provider to sign up!

Consider signing up with
MaineCommunitySolar.org
SolarFaithful.org
NexAmp.com





Don't forget!

Benefits of Energy Reduction IN YOUR CONGREGATION

Most congregations can cut energy costs by up to

30%

by investing strategically in efficient equipment, facility upgrades and maintenance

1 degree up in the summer or down in the winter can save you

1.5%

of your energy

If America's houses of worship cut energy use by

10%

\$315 Million

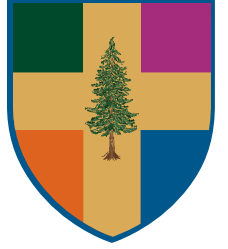
If America's houses of worship cut energy use by

2 Billion kWh

of electricity would be available without additional cost and pollution

1 Million Tons

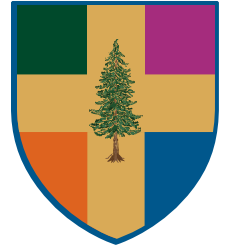
of greenhouse gas emission would be prevented



Remembering Michael Hewes

- Spouse of Elaine Hewes
(St. Brendan, Deer Isle)
- Created the **Earth Keeper Cross**
- Request your own for liturgical use





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