



*Now Forming:*  
**Churches of  
Restoration  
Cohorts**

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USA

## Who

Lay leaders and clergy desiring to start or grow creation care initiatives in their congregations.

## Why

God's creation is facing grave challenges, from nature loss to climate change. As Christians, caring for God's creation is part of our biblical calling. This program helps church leaders move their congregations from concern and awareness to faithful and hopeful action.

## What

Gather with small groups of leaders from area churches during a 12 month period of rich theological and ecological learning, encouraging peer-to-peer conversations, and developing accessible projects to engage in caring for creation.

## Where

We are currently forming local cohorts in Michigan (Grand Rapids), Tennessee (Greater Nashville), and Illinois (Greater Chicago). Churches not within these areas can apply to join a future cohort, which will take place in other areas around the country and remotely. Stay tuned!

## How

Each church will send three leaders to a local in-person gathering followed by curated monthly meetings online. A Rocha USA's staff and partners, from scientists to pastors, will provide teaching and training on key topics, such as:

- Our biggest environmental challenges
- Getting to know your local ecosystem
- Biblical resources on creation care
- Talking and working with climate skeptics in your congregation
- Becoming communities of hope amid eco-anxiety and despair



Leaders will receive support and resources to brainstorm, develop, and implement creation care projects in their churches, such as:

- Planting native gardens
- Hosting a creation care Vacation Bible School
- Performing church-wide carbon and energy audits

Thanks to our generous funders, there is no cost for participating in this program. Churches will also have access to limited implementation funds to support their projects.

## When

Cohorts will launch in the Fall of 2026.  
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