

# CREATION CARE SG ANNUAL REPORT



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### **ABOUT US**

### **Our Mission**

We are a Christian community that aims to inspire and equip fellow believers and churches to love and care for God's creation.

#### Who We Are

We believe that creation care is humankind's God-given duty, for we are stewards of this earth and its abundance of resources we are blessed with. By starting conversations about environmental issues, we hope to encourage churches and individuals to engage in healing ourselves, supporting our nation, and renewing the rest of creation.

But beyond encouraging Christians to adopt habits that protect the environment, caring for creation ultimately points us to the Creator – the beauty and complexity of the world we live in was made to glorify the One who crafted it.



## **ABOUT US**

### **Our Key Milestones**



### **Organisational Structure**

#### **Partnerships**

We seek to walk alongside churches and Christian organisations in Singapore to change the way we see and do creation care.

#### **Projects**

Through our guided reflective walks, contemplative beach cleanups and ad hoc projects, we aspire to lead fellow christians to reflect and appreciate in God's creation.

#### Education

Leveraging on social media, talks and workshops, we hope to bring about an understanding that caring for creation is an important aspect of Christianity, and inspire Christians to live in accordance with God's command to steward the earth.



## **OUR TEAM**



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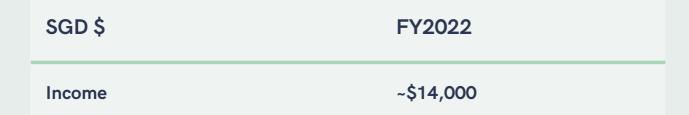


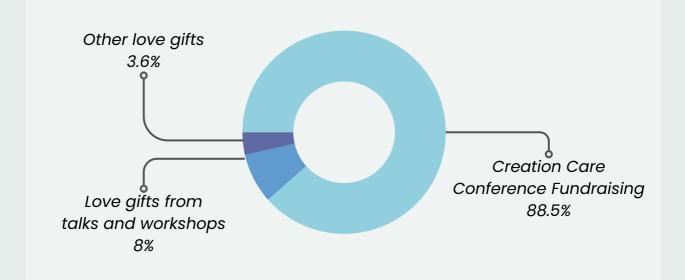
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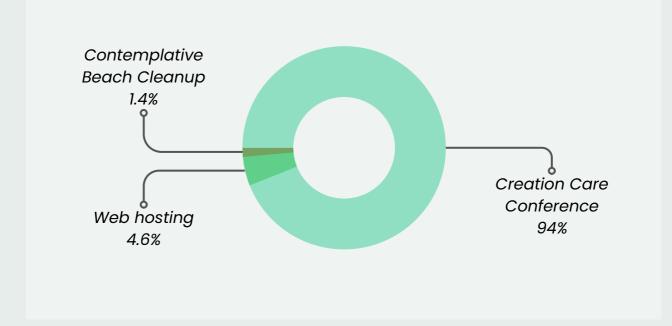
# FINANCES

For 1 Jan 2022 to December 1 2022





Expenditure ~\$9,000



#### **Creation Care Conference 2022**



We held our first Creation Care Conference on 9 – 10 September 2022 to mark the start of the Season of Creation. This conference aimed to provide a meeting place for Christians to learn about creation care and find opportunities for collaboration.

Our theme for the conference was "The Garden of Eden" to remind us of our role as stewards of God's creation, reflect the conference's role as a gathering place, and point to the future restoration of all creation.

Over the 2 days, more than **130 people** gathered to learn and share alongside each other over a keynote, plenary, and **12 workshops** from practitioners, pastors, and theologians.

#### **Creation Care Conference 2022**

**Fundraising** 

#### **Terrarium Workshops**

Our conference team ran **8 workshops in 4 churches**, where **over 50 people** participated in making their own terrariums using recycled materials.







#### **Prints and Stickers**

We collaborated with two local artists, Kenneth (@canlaken) and Dorcas (@earthtodorcas), to design prints and stickers featuring wildlife found in Singapore. We have sold **53 prints** and **322 stickers**.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported us in our fundraising efforts. The Creation Care Conference would not have been possible without your generous support.

### **Creation Care Conference 2022**

4 Tracks, 12 Workshops, more than 130 participants

Track 1: Tending to the Garden	Track 2: Digging into Scripture
Consumerism & Simplicity - Rev Lam Kuo Yong -	Ethics of Creation Care - Rev Dr Nathanael Goh -
Sustainable Finance - Dr Eunice Ng -	The Purpose of Creation - Ms Prarthini Selveindran -
Food & Diet - Mr Reuben Ang -	The New Creation - Dr Benjamin Grandey -
Track 3: Sowing Seeds of Justice	Track 4: Resting in the Garden
Track 3: Sowing Seeds of Justice  Caring for Creation & Caring for Humans - Mr Soh Weijie -	Track 4: Resting in the Garden  Attentiveness - Ms Melissa Ong -
Caring for Creation & Caring for Humans	Attentiveness

This was our first large-scale event. It was only possible with the help of dedicated volunteers, and the numerous attendees who expressed interest in the conference. Praise be to God that we were able to explore creation care in such depth and breadth over the course of two days.

- Rebecca -Projects



### Guided Reflective Walks: A Walk in God's Garden

Our guided nature walks are an avenue for believers to slow down and appreciate how God's character is seen in His creation.

In 2022, we ran **6 runs** of this walk and we were honoured to have facilitated walks with Yishun Christian Church and Christ Methodist Church. Our volunteers led **104 participants** on a curated trail where they were inspired to recognise the beauty of God's creation, and to reflect on your relationships with the natural world.

A self-guided version of walks at Dairy Farm Nature Park and Botanic Gardens are available here.



Even though I've helped to facilitate the trail multiple times, each experience and conversation with different ones never fail to leave me inspired and excited to see God's kingdom come on earth.



### **Contemplative Beach Cleanups**

Our contemplative beach cleanups are a tangible and public opportunity for Christians to care for the community.

We pair the clean ups with a time of guided reflection to prepare ourselves for the clean up, and pray for the restoration of our oceans.

In 2022, we conducted **2 contemplative beach cleanups** at East Coast Park with more than **28 participants**. Additionally, we were honoured to have assisted **7 organisations** with their beach clean ups.







The beach cleanup was a good experience to meet fellow brothers and sisters in Christ while caring for God's creation. The cleanup allowed us to contemplate why God told us to be stewards of the earth and the sharing afterwards allowed us to share our thoughts with one another. Overall it was an enjoyable time and I felt really fulfilled at the end of the cleanup.

- Shi Juen -Church of Singapore



#### **Education - Social Media**

Our social media pages aim to equip Christians with the knowledge and understanding to obey God's command to steward the earth. In the past year, we've gained **342 followers**, reaching over **1,300 followers** on Instagram.

It has been a truly enriching journey to produce educational materials about creation care. Not only has this experience allowed me to deepen my faith, it has proven to me how powerful social media can be to share our message of environmental stewardship of God's creation.

- Rachel - Education

### Advocacy - Workshops & Talks

In 2022, we walked alongside **10 churches and Christian organisations** in Singapore to change the way we see and do creation care, including:

- Trinity Annual Conference, The Methodist Church in Singapore
- Singapore Centre for Global Missions
- The Bible Society
- Mount Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church
- Eternal Life Assembly
- Shalom Reformed Baptist Church



# 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Creating a Community of Practice

Bringing together creation care practitioners and church groups to encourage, inspire, and support one another in this journey.

In July 2023, we will be organising the very first Creation Care Community of Practice – a biannual gathering of Christians advocating for creation care in their church communities.

This provides a unique opportunity for Christians passionate about caring for the environment to connect, learn from each other, and share their experiences over food and fellowship. Members of the CCCoP cross-pollinate ideas on how to integrate environmental stewardship into their churches and build relationships with likeminded individuals. This is a chance to be part of a growing movement in Singapore.

**Guided Reflective Nature Walks** 

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In 2023, we have launched our second guided walk at Fort Canning Park, titled "From Seed to Tree: Fort Canning".

Contemplative Beach Cleanups

In 2023, we will pivot towards equipping churches and small groups to organise and facilitate their own cleanups. This will allow us to focus on producing a greater variety of contemplative beach cleanup materials.

Education - Social Media

In 2023, we will focus our efforts towards building our knowledge on creation care. Every odd month, we plan to post our learning points and reviews of books about creation care.

### **THANKSGIVING**

As we reflect on our journey as Creation Care SG, we are deeply humbled grateful for the support, contributions and partnerships that have shaped our work. It is with heartfelt appreciation that we extend our thanks to all who have played a part in our mission to inspire and equip fellow believers and churches to love and care for God's creation.

First and foremost, we would like to express our profound gratitude to the Almighty Creator for His divine wisdom and guidance through it all.

To our donors, we extend our deepest appreciation. Your generous support has empowered us to successfully launch our inaugural Creation Care Conference, host meaningful events to engage others on creation care, and provide toolkits for churches to conduct their own beach cleanups that inspire contemplation and gratitude for creation.

We are grateful to all our partners that have worked with us in 2022. Thank you for sharing your faith and passion to be fellow stewards of God's creation. Your shared vision and collaboration have helped to expand our reach and amplify the impact of our work.

Lastly, we express our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers who have embraced our message to be stewards of God's creation. Your commitment to care for creation gives us hope and encourages us to continue our work with renewed vigour.

We acknowledge and appreciate the collective effort of all who have contributed to the growth and impact of Creation Care SG. Together, as faithful stewards of God's creation, we renew our commitment to inspire churches and individuals to care for creation for the years to come.

In His love, Creation Care SG



# SUPPORT US

#### Where does your support go?

Your support will go a long way in keeping the work we do going. This involves:

- 1. Covering venue, invited speakers and other costs for events that we organise, including regular workshops in the works and the Creation Care Conference 2025
- 2. Procuring tools for the contemplative cleanups that we organise for churches, small groups and the public
- 3. Web hosting and domain costs for our website, where we host free creation care resources for Christians and church groups
- 4. Sunk costs for fundraising collaterals

As a non-profit, volunteer group, 100% of the funds we receive are channelled into ministry operations.

#### How can you support us?

1. Giving a love gift
We accept donations via bank transfer or PayNow/PayLah.

- Bank transfer to: 271-609072-8 (DBS)
- PayNow/PayLah to: 97774353 or Scan the QR code.
- (Indicate 'CCSG gift' under Remarks.)



#### 2. Purchasing from our shop

We are selling limited edition prints and stickers designed by Dorcas Tang (@EarthtoDorcas) and Kenneth Chin (founder of Reptiles and Amphibians of Southeast Asia)! Purchase them <a href="https://example.com/here!">here!</a>

3. Opening up venues for our events Finding a suitable space for our events is a constant struggle. If you are keen to open up a space for our events, please contact us at creationcare.sg@outlook.com.

#### 4. Invite us to share about creation care

We are looking to partner with local churches to educate and motivate their members to care for God's world. If you would like to hear more about the resources and expertise we have to share, please contact us at creationcare.sg@outlook.com.

