

A Summer of Creation Care at



Saguaro
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Home Missions

SCC Needed...

- Actionable outlets for broad concern about the environment
- More coordination with maintaining pollinator garden
- A specified person for coordinating creation care projects

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Take Action on the Endangerment Finding



Over the past few months, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made several proposals which, if instated, will roll back regulations on pollutants that harm human health and exacerbate the climate crisis. In today's newsletter, I'll briefly explain three recent proposals and include links where you can make a comment on the proposals to be used in the EPA's decision-making process.

Note the deadlines for commenting on each proposal: August 7 for the repeal of power plant emission standards, August 11 for the repeal of tighter standards for emission of hazardous air pollutants, and September 15 for repeal of vehicle emissions standards.

The first proposal, "Repeal of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units", repeals pollution standards for power plants. If it is repealed, fossil fueled power plants will be able to spew more carbon and other greenhouse gases into the air, exacerbating climate change. You can read the proposed rule and leave a public comment [HERE](#), due by August 7. At the bottom of the newsletter, I'm including the wording of the Arizona Interfaith Power and Light (AZIPL)

Fellowship Initiatives

To address SCC's need for action on the environment, Jocelyn...

- Wrote 10 “Warbler’s Wisdom” articles with actionable ways to combat environmental issues
- Wrote and collected letters to legislators about the federal budget bill and comments about newly proposed EPA rules
- Held 10 creation care sessions with Saguaro’s preschool, SICP
- Presented to AZ Disciples on Trump’s environment-related executive orders
- Replaced gravel by our church sign with 6 desert plants
- Helped Saguaro apply for a grant to go solar
- Preached 1 creation care sermon



Collaboration with AZIPL and SICP

- Jocelyn represented DoC at an AZIPL meeting with US Senator Mark Kelly's Southern AZ director



- Jocelyn partnered with Saguaro Infant and Children's Program to bring creation care lessons to preschoolers

Impact

Jocelyn's fellowship at SCC

- Brought creation care education and action to a congregation of ~60
- Could reduce SCC's emissions and save thousands of dollars for outreach by applying for a solar grant
- Brought creation care lessons and activities to 25 preschoolers



God at Saguaro

God showed up this summer in the many people asking Jocelyn how they could help her. Church members volunteered to water our new plants, give a talk on desert animals to the preschool, publish Warbler's Wisdom in the church newsletter, sign petitions, and write letters to Congress. Flat Jesus, shown on the right in our new Bird of Paradise, showed up for her in these wonderful people!



Community Impact

Through this fellowship, Saguaro continued to try to bring the fullness of God's creation—the plants and insects and animals as well as the people—into our campus. We hope that if we are able to go solar, our savings will continue to make Saguaro more welcoming to all of God's people, whether by opening our doors as a cooling center or providing scholarships to preschoolers who otherwise might not be able to experience SICP.

