

Water: Continuum of Action

| Awareness | Involvement | Leadership |
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| Calculate your water footprint and compare with the average American. www.h2oconserve.org | Set a goal and begin water reduction in your home, work or church. www.wateruseitwisely.com | Share water saving tips in your church bulletin, business and community newsletters. |
| Educate yourself about water quality in your area and threats to human and environmental health. | Volunteer with organizations that promote water quality, and protection of aquatic ecosystems. | Distribute educational materials at a church or community fair. |
| Read and study church teachings related to human rights, care of creation and water. | Facilitate a faith community study group on the topic. Resource: <i>Care for All of Creation: Six Session Process</i> prayer, discussion, stories and action. | Draft a corporate stand or social justice practice statement for your church. |
| Learn about the growing privatization of public water sources. www.ipjc.org/links/water.htm www.foodandwaterwatch.org | Organize a group viewing and discussion of <i>Flow: For Love of Water; Thirst; Water: Sacred & Profane; Running Dry; American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?</i> | Rally support in your community to use tap water over bottled water and support public water systems. www.thinkoutsidethebottle.org |
| Read <i>Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and the Coming Battle for the Right to Water</i> , by Maude Barlow. | Start a book group discussion on what responsibilities corporations like Nestlé and Coca Cola have in ensuring public access to local water? | Organize public education/grass-roots organizing on the intersection between private corporations and public water systems. |
| Understand the central connection women have with water as primary caregivers and household managers. www.un.org/waterforlifedecade IPJC <i>A Matter Of Spirit, Water Issue 2009</i> — www.ipjc.org/journal | Lead a study group on the World Health Organization, <i>2005-2015 International Decade for Action Advocacy Guide</i> . www.who.int | Publicize the recommendations for gender equality regarding water management and decision making with a news article or public service announcement. |
| Learn more about water conflict. www.worldwater.org www.waterwars.pulitzergateway.org | Organize a viewing of <i>River of War; River of Life: The Fate of the Nile</i> . www.unwater.org/worldwaterday | Use the 2009 UN World Water Day materials to increase the commitment to cooperation, not conflict. |
| Make a personal commitment to support organizations that promote water sanitation education, training and access to clean water for the impoverished. www.water.org , www.water1st.org , www.1h20.org | Hold a water forum. Invite speakers from water advocacy organizations. Collect signatures for the 31st article in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. www.article31.org | Work with organizations that empower local communities in water resource management. |
| Research current water laws and regulations. www.citizen.org www.epa.gov | Contact your state and federal legislators to address your concerns on water issues. | Advocate for water legislation that protects and sustains human and environmental health. www.worldwatercouncil.org |



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