

100 Shades of Green

Creating Green Banner

By Brenda Suderman

I was inspired to make this banner from the 100 Shades of Green campaign sponsored by the Mennonite Creation Care Network.

The banner is simply constructed, and even better, nearly free. It cost nothing except for the roll of jute twine I bought to hang it.

To make the banner, I cut in half a long green window dressing passed on to me, asked my quilting friends for their green fabric scraps, and sewed them on with whatever green coloured thread I already had in my sewing room. The vine is left over from another quilt, and the leaves are made from polyester fabric scraps passed on to me by a church friend.

I deliberately left some edges of the green pieces unattached in this quilt. On summer Sunday mornings in our church, the leaves and other bits and pieces flap in the wind from an open window nearby, giving the banner a fluid and changing presence. Being environmentally-friendly is a process, and not every measure we take has to be permanent or fixed.

However we view being “green”, I am convinced we are called to do something. In Genesis 1, each day of creation ends the same way “God saw that it was good.” As human beings, we are called to ensure it keeps being good for all created beings.

I think we can read the creation story as encouraging us daily to consider what actions and decisions we make that affect others and the world we live in, so we can make the world good for all created beings. This banner, and all the small pieces on it flapping in the wind, is a small reminder of that call.

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Being good stewards of God's world is something all Christians can embrace. Does your congregation recycle? Do you have members who are avid gardeners or who bicycle to church?

Does your pastor preach about caring for the earth? Has your youth group sponsored an environmental event? Even if you are just dreaming about having a greener congregation, we'd like to hear from you.

The Mennonite Creation Care Network invites congregations across North America to register their commitment to creation care.

Please visit our web-site to register and share a story from your congregation.

