**Off-Plastics November/December
PSEC Environmental Justice Mission Team**

Church Commitment

Church Name:

Church Address:

Contact Person, person's email and phone:

Yes!  We want to help preserve our environment and reduce harm!

Here are our Ten Actions for Off-Plastics October:

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Remit by Oct. 31st to uccrev77@gmail.com

**IDEAS FOR REDUCING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AT CHURCH:**

Use real silverware and coffee cups at coffee hour (you know your church kitchen still has them!)  Volunteer for the washing-up team.

Use only paper straws.

Go back to glass communion cups, or change to intinction.

Buy coffee hour snacks in cardboard boxes or paper, not rigid plastic clamshells.

Encourage using cloth or mesh bags, or even paper, not plastic bags from stores, such as when you buy groceries for a church meal, or Sunday School supplies at dollar-type stores.  (Do this at home too, of course!)

No more Styrofoam cups or take-out trays.  Compostable items are available in restaurant stores.  Foam items last forever in landfills.

Install a water cooler to refill reusable water bottles; discourage stocking the church with single water bottles.

Ditch plastic table covers you’ve been saving after a few uses and transition to cloth table covers.  (Old bedsheets work well!)

Throw a kitchen shower for tablecloths and dish towels and cloth napkins.  Take turns taking them home to wash.

Be intentional about recycling office paper, bulletins, notices.

Investigate NexTrex or other companies which make composite benches from recycled plastic bags and wraps.  Sponsor bag collections; partner with organizations that use your building; earn a bench for your garden.

Take an inventory of how your church supplies (toilet paper, bulbs, furnace filters, etc.) are packaged.  Let suppliers know you do not want plastic wrappings.

If your township does not recycle, become a champion for changing that! Many things that are marked with 5 or above are theoretically recyclable, but there are very few facilities in Pennsylvania that actually take them.

Think of something else and let us know!