



## “LOVING... GOD’S... HOUSE ”

Loving God’s House means to ‘love and take care of His house’ - to make it a place to rejoice, celebrate and spend quiet solitude with Jesus. His house belongs to all brothers and sisters in His church. Loving God’s House means to keep it worthy of Him, keep it safe and ensure a beautiful presence where we can feel calm and peaceful when we visit. It should be the responsibility and concern of everyone who comes to visit.

The Environment Ministry Team oversees the care of God’s house. The Team is made up of eight components that work independently, but with the support of the entire Team. These components have been well maintained over the years by faithful servants, but now we need to grow so we can continue to manage each component without putting undue stress on any single person or small group of volunteers.

### **HOW DID THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY ‘TEAM’ COME ABOUT?**

In 2016, a small group of volunteers came together to do some needed repairs and minor improvements in the parish buildings. Getting things accomplished has been hard work, but fun. When we began it was only “Hi, how are you?” We have since shared many laughs, fun times, coffee, snacks, meals and prayer. We have formed strong and lasting friendships, and getting to know and depend on each other has been a blessing.

Our teams are coming together but...**We Need You!! We Want You!!** We don’t always need expertise. If you can manage one task in one component it would help. We need your commitment, labor and whatever time you can give. Will you consider being part of the team? Come join us. You’ll be glad you did!

### **COMPONENTS OF THIS MINISTRY**

#### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS & SANCTUARY CARE**

Caring for the plants and flowers inside the churches.

Planning and preparing for the Liturgical celebrations in the year.

Putting up and taking down decorations for the Liturgical celebrations in the year.

#### **CANDLE CARE**

Regular checking and replacement of candles.

Washing the candle cups and candle stands when necessary.

Monitoring the candle inventory.

### **PEW MAINTENANCE**

Weekly tidying and replenishing the supply of envelopes.  
Exchanging hymnals the week before Advent.

### **ALTAR LINENS**

Weekly washing & ironing of the linens used for our Liturgical celebrations.  
Advising when repairs and replacements are needed.  
Mending linens and sewing linen replacements.

### **CLEANING**

Deep cleaning needs to be done twice each year.  
The cleaning ministry would be developed by the volunteers as they establish the need and a routine and schedule that works.

### **INVENTORY MANAGEMENT**

This is a new component and will begin in 2017.  
The goal is to have an accurate account of the inventory in our church buildings.

### **MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS**

This team works independently but also under the direction of our Pastor.  
Maintenance issues confronting any of the components can be brought to their attention and they will address the issues.

### **OUTDOOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & SEASONAL DECOR**

Cleaning and maintaining flower beds in spring/summer/fall.  
Helping with flower boxes and planters when needed.  
Hanging lights and decor for the Liturgical seasons.

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