



Join the campaign. You and your group can...

- Devote areas on your land for planting trees
- Help with tree planting and tree care
- Pay carbon offsets for your fossil fuel emissions
- Provide financial support for planting trees
- Leave a living legacy of trees for future generations

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# Join Trees to Restore the Earth



**JoinTrees**

*help us plant*

**1 MILLION TREES**

*by 2030*

# Trees of Life

Trees are critical in the ecosystems of God's creation. In the beginning, we read that God created trees for the Earth and placed the "tree of life" in the garden. This woodland garden represents what God intended: beauty, biodiversity, and abundance where trees give life for all on Earth. In the last chapter of the Bible, we see the "tree of life" again producing fruit and leaves for healing the world.

The vision is of a healthy, vibrant planet where God's abundant life of shalom is enjoyed by all from generation to generation. Trees play an essential role in this vision. Trees are not niceties but necessities as they provide essential ecosystem services and valuable benefits for our communities.

## For our environment, trees...

- Store CO<sub>2</sub> & cool the planet
- Clean the air of pollutants
- Improve soil & water quality
- Curb storm water runoff
- Decrease noise pollution
- Reduce energy consumption
- Support biodiversity

## For our community, trees...

- Provide wood products, food, & beauty
- Raise property values
- Stimulate local economy
- Enhance physical and mental health
- Improve performance at work & school
- Reduce aggression & crime
- Promote community interaction\*

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\* For research-based findings on these benefits, see Jessica B. Turner-Skoff and Nicole Cavender, "The benefits of trees for livable and sustainable communities" in *Plants, People, Planet*. 2019; 1:323-335.

Participate in the JoinTrees campaign to plant one million trees by 2030 to help restore the Earth.

We call on all ages and genders to participate in this campaign to address climate change with its harmful impacts on God's Earth, creatures, and people. We're joining trees as the best, most cost-efficient natural climate solution. Trees not only sequester carbon, cool the planet, and slow climate change, but support biodiversity and provide an array of amazing benefits described here.

## JoinTrees involves tree planting on...

- Private, business, and church properties
- Marginal farmland set aside for afforestation
- Public rights-of-ways along roads and in parks
- Large-scale international agroforestry projects—which also support vulnerable communities and reduce deforestation

## Working to establish one million trees, we can help you...

- Locate land for planting and protection
- Provide plans for establishing trees
- Coordinate tree planting opportunities
- Receive and direct contributions for projects

With JoinTrees, let's work together to protect and restore the life support systems of our planet.