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Ecological and Environmental Sub-Committee

The sub-committee continues to develop Eco-Congregation Ireland, an environmental project that aims at encouraging good ecological practice within parishes. The programme's website www.ecocongregationireland.org contains downloadable resources for parishes, as well as news and information from other parishes and churches involved. The programme has gained much from its ecumenical approach and the sub-committee would like to thank Ms Helen Shiel, of the Methodist Church in Ireland, Catherine Brennan SSL, of the Roman Catholic Church and Mr Joe Furphy from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for all their support and enthusiasm.

In order to provide a forum for parishes to exchange experiences and identify areas for the improved use of resources, an Eco Workshop was held in Dromantine Conference Centre, near Newry, on Saturday, 30th September 2006. Positive feedback from this workshop has encouraged the sub-committee to organise another one, this time in Dublin and aimed at parishes in the Republic. This workshop is due to be held on 6th October 2007.

A particularly important development this year has been the developing of an Environmental Policy for central and Church offices. Work is continuing on this policy which will be brought to the Standing Committee.