

PC(USA) Environmental Ministries

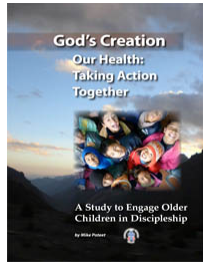
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Resources



- *And the Leaves of the Tree Are for the Healing of the Nations and God's Creation, Our Health: Taking Action Together*



- DVDs and accompanying study guide



- Daily devotional calendars for Advent and Lent



- *Earth Day Sunday* resources (created ecumenically)



Communications

- pcusa.org/environment (web site)
- *Eco-Justice Journey* (blog)
- Monthly e-newsletter *Eco-Justice Notes*
- *Presbyterian Environmental Ministries* (facebook)
- *Environmental Ministries Action Network (EMAN)*, a volunteer liaison position to better connect PCUSA Environmental Ministries (news, resources, action items, small seed grants) in your local context



Earth Care Congregations



- Begun in 2010
- 127 PCUSA congregations (as of March 2014)
- Certified churches recertify each year



What is Earth Care Congregations?

- A certification program to celebrate and recognize Presbyterian churches for their care for creation
- *A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches*
 - Instructions, worksheets, ideas, links
- Annually renewable



Why should my church care about the earth?

“The Holy God put the (hu)man in the garden of Eden to till it and to keep it.” Genesis 2:15

“The Earth is the Holy One’s and the fullness thereof...” Psalm 24:1

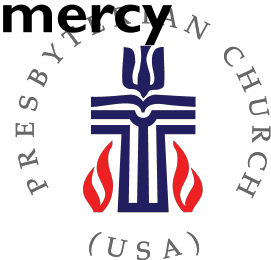
“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved...” John 3:17



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Confession of 1967 (9.16): “God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of [God’s] dealings with [humanity.] In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, **the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**”

Brief Statement of Faith (10.3): “In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. **We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**”



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In 1990 the PC(USA) General Assembly approved “Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice.”

The 2010 General Assembly reaffirmed the “Call to Restore the Creation” from the 1990 policy.

Ongoing, multiple policies on a variety of environmental concerns.



Call to Restore the Creation

Restoring creation is...

- God's own work in our time
- A central concern of the church to be incorporated into its life and mission
- A new focus and concern for ... education ...worship and liturgy, public witness... and congregational service and action...
- To be approached with covenant seriousness and practical awareness



What is an Earth Care Congregation?

- Commits to the **Earth Care Pledge**
- Completes actions in four categories derived from the Pledge:
 - **Worship**
 - **Education**
 - **Facilities**
 - **Outreach**



What is the Earth Care Pledge?

- A four-part response to the Call to Restore the Creation
 - Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation
 - Our **education** will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation
 - Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all creation
 - Our **outreach** will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth



How can my church become an Earth Care Congregation?

- Form an **Earth Care Team**
- Complete the **ECC Environmental Audit**
(Earn 25 points in each of 4 categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach)
- Recommend **next steps**
- Receive session approval of the **Earth Care Pledge**
- Apply to become a **PCUSA Earth Care Congregation**



How will my church be recognized?

- *Earth Care Congregations* certificate
- Use of the **ECC** logo
- Listing at www.pcusa.org/environment
- Notification of your **presbytery**
- **Press release** for local publicity
- **Earth care book** for your church library



ECC Certificate



*"The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world, and those
who live in it." Psalm 24:1*



ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRIES *certifies*

as an
EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

for its environmental stewardship achievements in worship,
education, facilities and outreach actions in the life of the church.

From _____ to _____

Signature _____ Date _____



ECC Certified Churches



ECC Certified Churches

- Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky*
- Bayfield Presbyterian Church, Bayfield, Wisconsin*
- Black River Presbyterian Church, Ivanhoe, North Carolina*
- Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland*
- Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.*
- Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians, Kailua, Hawaii*
- Christ Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, New Jersey^
- Christ Community Church, Cortland, New York
- Church of the Covenant, Boston, Massachusetts
- Church of the Pilgrims, Washington, D.C.
- Church of Reconciliation, Chapel Hill, North Carolina*
- Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon*



ECC Certified Churches

- Common Ground Church Community, North Lima, Ohio
- Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens, Georgia*
- Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky
- Culver City Presbyterian Church, Culver City, California*
- Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson, North Carolina*
- East Guilford United Presbyterian Church, Sidney, New York*
- Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Bedford, Texas
- Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio*
- First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland
- First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina*
- First Presbyterian Church, Bend, Oregon*
- First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois



ECC Certified Churches

- First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania*
- First Presbyterian Church, Cooperstown, New York
- First Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove, Oregon*
- First Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Michigan
- First Presbyterian Church, Edwardsville, Illinois
- First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky*
- First Presbyterian Church, Farmington Hills, Michigan
- First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston, Illinois*
- First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Columbia, Maryland*
- First Presbyterian Church, Ithaca, New York*
- First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, Indiana
- First Presbyterian Church, Logan, Utah



ECC Certified Churches

- First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin*
- First Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge (Tennessee)*
- First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, California*
- First Presbyterian Church, Saranac Lake, New York*
- First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul, Minnesota*
- First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, Illinois*
- First Presbyterian Church, Waltham, Massachusetts
- First Presbyterian Church of Wooster, Ohio*
- Flagstaff Federated Community Church, Flagstaff, Arizona*
- Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, Cleveland Heights, Ohio*
- Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina*
- Fort King Presbyterian Church, Ocala, Florida*
- Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois



ECC Certified Churches

- Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church, Steven's Point, Wisconsin*
- Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, Kentucky
- Geneva Presbyterian Church, Potomac, Maryland*
- Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania*
- Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Easton, Massachusetts
- Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Kansas*
- Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky*
- Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham Manor, New York
- Hunter Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky
- Jacksonville Presbyterian Church, Bordentown, New Jersey*
- Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, Cary, North Carolina*
- Knox Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, Virginia
- Korean Church of Boston, Brookline, Massachusetts



ECC Certified Churches

- Latah Valley Presbyterian Church, Spokane, Washington
- Light Street Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland*
- Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware*
- Maryland Presbyterian Church, Towson, Maryland*
- McGregor Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina
- Montevallo Presbyterian Church, Montevallo, Alabama*
- Montreat Presbyterian Church (USA), Montreat, North Carolina*
- New Hope Presbyterian Church, Derwood, Maryland*
- New Hope Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee*
- North Como Presbyterian Church, Roseville, Minnesota*
- North Presbyterian Church, Williamsville, New York*
- North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia*
- Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



ECC Certified Churches

- Plumsted Presbyterian Church, New Egypt, New Jersey*
- The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, New Jersey*
- Providence Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Providence Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, Virginia
- Presbyterian Church of the Apostles, Burnsville, Minnesota*
- Ridgefield Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois*
- Riviera Presbyterian Church, Miami, Florida*
- Rockville United Church, Rockville, Maryland
- Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Kansas*
- Saint James Presbyterian Church, Bellingham, Washington
- Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, North Bethesda, Maryland
- Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas*
- Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri
- Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri



ECC Certified Churches

- Shandon Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina*
- Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, Shepherdstown, West Virginia*
- Southminster Presbyterian Church, Beaverton, Oregon*
- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Boulder, Colorado*
- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Kilmarnock, Virginia*
- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Tucker, Georgia*
- St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, California
- Stone Church of Willow Glen, San Jose, CA
- Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania*
- Towson Presbyterian Church, Towson, Maryland*
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia*
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Denton, Texas*
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick, New Jersey*
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia*



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- Trinity Presbyterian Church, McKinney, Texas
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee*
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware^
- Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas*
- Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Kensington, Maryland*
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Eugene, Oregon*
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota*
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware*
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee*
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portage, Michigan
- White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina*
- Woodlawn Chapel Presbyterian Church, Wildwood, Missouri
- Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park, Maryland



Earth Care Congregations



Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE (solar panels)



Earth Care Congregations



Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS (reusable dishes)



Earth Care Congregations



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
(intergenerational community garden)



Earth Care Congregations



Eco-Justice Worship Collective at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY (worship on seeds and planting)



Earth Care Congregations



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Tucker, GA (creating worm bins for vermiculture)

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Church of the Pilgrims, Washington D.C. (talking about soil as part of a focus on food and faith fall 2013)

Earth Care Congregations



Hunter Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY (2nd-5th graders filled out all the Earth Care application process)



Earth Care Congregations



First Presbyterian Church in Cottage Grove, OR (Bike, Walk, Bus to worship)



How does my church get started?

- Read through the ECC Guide at www.pcusa.org/environment
- Find others interested in earth care
- Form an Earth Care Team
- Follow the steps in Appendix A “Steps Toward Becoming an Earth Care Congregation”



What if I need help?

- Everything you need to know is in the Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches
- If you have questions, contact Rebecca Barnes (Environmental Ministries) at 888-728-7228 x5624 or rebecca.barnes@pcusa.org.
- To find an Earth Care Congregation near you visit www.pcusa.org/environment

