



# Annual Report 2010

*Caring for God's Creation*

*by*

*Connecting, Equipping, and Inspiring*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

*We are the future issues of this denomination and any other body of faith.* --Rick Ufford-Chase, at PEC's 2010 Luncheon at General Assembly

Your financial support of and involvement in Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) is deeply appreciated. In 2010, we had a strong presence at General Assembly (GA), advanced some key projects, increased our e-mail presence and expanded our network. One simple thing you can do to keep our membership growing is to provide a \$15 gift membership to someone in your circle.

A highlight of the year was the keynote address at our GA luncheon by Elder Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 214th General Assembly (2004) and executive director of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. His message articulated the important role and potential of PEC as we move into a new era for the church. He said, "care for the earth is no longer an issue on the fringe," but is now "legitimately the beginning of a movement." Signs suggest that the fringe "has moved to the center," and "God's spirit is at work and the wave is beginning to crest."

In 20 years, he suggested, the issues of PEC and similar groups may be the key issues of the church. His challenges to us included: 1) Be committed to a place and a faith community for the long haul, 2) Break every taboo that you can find about crossing barriers [that divide people from each other] and 3) Take on the wildest dreams for God's vision of shalom that we can imagine. PEC looks forward to working with you in living into these challenges for years to come!

Blessings,  
Jenny Holmes,  
PEC Moderator

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2010

- Had a strong presence at General Assembly through an exhibit table, providing testimony on overtures and holding an awards luncheon.
- Recognized North Como Presbyterian Church with PEC's Restoring Creation Award. Presented Bob Stivers and Kristina Peterson with the William E. Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Held a successful Eco-Stewards Program in West Virginia in partnership with Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (PCCCA). We now offer a new internship option with churches and community groups.
- Established the Joanna Rittman Eco-Stewards Memorial fund.
- Held a regional conference in West Virginia featuring agricultural leader Joe Salatin of Poly-face Farms.
- Recruited congregations to test the PC(USA), Environmental Ministries Office's Earth Care Congregations program and promoted it.
- Mobilized Presbyterians to advocate for strong energy policies.
- Updated and distributed PEC's popular "H2O: How to Overcome the Bottled Water Habit" brochure.
- Relocated our office to Washington, DC, strengthening ecumenical partnerships and leveraging resources.
- New website became operational.

## Financial Information for 2010:

Beginning Balance	1/1/2010	\$45,207
<b>Revenue</b>		
	Membership Dues	11,868
	Fundraising Campaigns	8030
	Other Donations	12,772
	Investments	172
	Eco-Stewards	10,850
	Investment Gain	1,358
	Miscellaneous	447
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$46,169</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
	Coordinator and Office Expenses	17,632
	Newsletter and Web Site	11,645
	Fundraising	2,015
	Membership	1,006
	Steering Committee	2,920
	Eco-Stewards	10,950
	Conference	6,149
	Gen. Assembly	3,296
	Miscellaneous	3,531
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$59,144</b>
<b>Net</b>		<b>(12,975)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	12/31/2010	<b>\$32,232</b>

## GOALS FOR 2011

### With excitement, we will:

- Hold our 2011 national conference, "God's Earth: Too Big to Fail" in Colorado, Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.
- Work with PCCCA to strengthen and expand the Eco-Stewards Program and internships.
- Prepare for a presence at the 2012 General Assembly in Pittsburg, PA
- Expand our grassroots membership base.
- Strengthen and expand our advocacy work through development of resources for reflection and action and new approaches to working with our congregations that take into account the polarization in society.

## STEERING COMMITTEE, 2010-2011

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### How you can help:

- **Grow the grassroots!** Enlist more members or give gift memberships (only \$15!)
- **Donate to PEC** through special campaigns, designating **PEC** in your will, or giving stock, securities, or bequests through our endowed fund.
- **Volunteer for a subcommittee** (membership, nominating, fundraising and membership, communications, advocacy, conference planning, and camp/conference partnerships).
- **Host an eco-justice event** at your church: an outdoor intergenerational exploration, a Bible Study, an Earth Day worship, or action day. Contact PEC for help and to share how it went!

### To learn more, join or donate:

[www.presbyearthcare.org](http://www.presbyearthcare.org)