

Directory of Resources for Your Presbytery Earth Care Team

The resources listed in this section follow the goals in the Guide, *How to Start and Sustain a Presbytery Earth Care Team*. Additional resources are also listed for Earth Care Congregations, Advocacy, Earth Care Spiritual Resources and Earth Care Supported by Science

Goal 1. Form a Presbytery Earth Care Team

Sample Earth Care Handout for a Meeting of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Earth-care-document-for-Aug-2019-PTF-1.pdf>

Sample Email Invitation to Earth Care Congregation Pastors to form a Presbytery Earth Care Core Group

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Sample-letter-PECT-core-group-invitation-1.pdf>

Sample Earth Care Survey of Churches from Presbytery of Tropical Florida

<https://forms.gle/GkcpW9tzk6X6JPH5A>

Goal 2. Meet as a Presbytery Earth Care Team

Sample Meeting Minutes of a young Presbytery Earth Care Team

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/TwinCities-Mtg-Minutes-08.17.19-1.pdf>

Sample Care of Creation Policy from National Capital Presbytery

<https://thepresbytery.org/creation-of-care-policy/>

Sample description of an Earth Care Team on the Presbytery of East Tennessee website

<https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/climate-and-energy-stewardship>

Sample Carbon Footprint Fund ongoing project from the Presbytery of East Tennessee

<https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/carbonfootprintfund>

Goal 3. Schedule Activities and Events

Considering our Treasure: A Reflection on Embracing God's Economy

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/considering-our-treasure-a-reflection-on-embracing-gods-economy/>

Schedule an all-day Communications Workshop with Presbyterian Mission Agency (Free if scheduled by presbytery and attended by 20 people)

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/communicators-network/schedule-a-workshop/>

Let's Talk Faith and Climate: Communication Guidance for Faith Leaders from Blessed Tomorrow

<https://blessedtomorrow.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/10/ea-lets-talk-faith-and-climate-web-2.pdf>

Conversation Guide for Living the Change from GreenFaith

<https://livingthechange.net/time> Scroll down to Download our Conversation Guide and enter your name and email for the download.

Goal 4. Evaluate your efforts

Sample Evaluation Questions for team members

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/draft-EVALUATION-QUESTIONS-1.pdf>

Goal 5. Publicize your accomplishments

Sample Newsletter article for EarthKeepers of Heartland Presbytery

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Earthkeepers-for-Heartland-Description-Connection-1-1.pdf>

Sample PowerPoint Presentation of Presbytery Earth Care Team

<http://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Presbytery-Earth-Care-Program.pdf>

Sample Script for PowerPoint Presentation for Presbytery of Trinity

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/PP-script-for-Trinity-Presbytery-Feb.-with-Lees-additions-1.pdf>

Additional Resources for Educational Events and Activities

Earth Care Congregations

Earth Care Congregation PowerPoint and Earth Care Congregation video

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/taiwbrq5h3kowro/AABF4uKFhR06ir_4LlIaymVcxa?dl=0

Earth Care Congregation map and certification year:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1baExpbVgyeKCK5NQALnNXmdte_rUDUCv&ll=30.326488402425994%2C-113.85769515000004&z=3

Earth Care Pledge and Application

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>

Sample call for reports of environmental actions from all churches in presbytery:

https://ptcaweb.org/images/Documents/earth_care_news.pdf

Earth Care Advocacy

PCUSA Office of Public Witness is the public policy information and advocacy office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Its task is to advocate, and help the church to advocate, the social witness perspectives and policies of the Presbyterian General Assembly. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington>

PRESBYTERIAN POLICIES AND STATEMENTS 1951-2018

Presbyterian Church (USA) Policy Brief

A summary of Presbyterian environmental policy statements from 1990 to 2008

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/washington/pdfs/policybrief.pdf

Past denominational statements (Presbyterian Church USA, United Presbyterian Church USA, Presbyterian Church US) 1951-2003 – from Creation Justice Ministries

http://www.creationjustice.org/uploads/2/5/4/6/25465131/presbyterian_church_usa.pdf

Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice (1990)

http://pma.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/environment/pdf/restoring-creation-for-ecology&justice.pdf#_blank

Hazardous Waste, Race and the Environment (1995)

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/racialjustice/hazardouswasteraceandenvironment.pdf#_blank

Hope for a Global Future: Toward Just and Sustainable Human Development (1996)

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/acswp/pdf/hope-for-a-global-future.pdf#_blank

A Call to Halt Mass Extinction (2001)

In response to this crisis, the Presbyterian Church states: "The Creator-Deliverer calls human communities to work with God to rectify the abuses whereby human impacts upon the Earth are leading to a mass extinction of living species. This mass extinction would fundamentally alter and undermine the life and well-being of the humans and other creatures that survive. It would rob all future generations of the gifts of wholeness and diversity that God intends."

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/2010/03/10/the-presbyterian-churchs-call-to-halt-mass-extinct/>

On Cleaning Up Power Plant Pollution (2002)

In 2002, the 214th General Assembly expanded to past policy addressing the issues of pollution damaging to God's creation by adopting a resolution ,On Cleaning Up Power Plant Pollution` which asked ,all Presbyterians to exercise stewardship by urging government officials to support federal policies and multipollutant legislation that will, in the most cost-efficient way, enforce current clean air laws by federal and state governments; resist efforts to abolish or undercut established clean air programs; enact new clean air laws for power plants that will substantially reduce pollutants that cause smog, acid rain, respiratory disease, mercury contamination, and global warming; end the 'grandfather' loophole that exempts older coal-fired plants, and encourage federal funding of technologies that will facilitate and/or reduce the cost of implementing these recommendations.' (Minutes, 2002, pp. 598-9)

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/washington/pdfs/policybrief.pdf

Guide to Going Carbon Neutral (2006) <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/carbon-neutral-guide.pdf>

The Power to Change, US Energy Policy and Global Warming (2008)

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/acswp/pdf/energyreport.pdf#_blank

On Lifting up the "Call to Restore the Creation" (2010)

https://presbyterian.typepad.com/files/call-to-restore-creation.pdf#_blank

PC(USA) Letter to Barack Obama on Climate Change (2015)

http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/us_paris_statement_final.pdf#_blank

Affirmation of Creation (2016) http://fore.yale.edu/files/Affirmation_of_Creation_2016.pdf

Statement on Climate Change from Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson (2018)

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/jhn_statement_climate_change_oct2018.pdf

Earth Care Guides for Action

Moving Forward: A Guide to Climate Action for your Congregation and Community
From Blessed Tomorrow

<http://blessedtomorrow.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/05/BT-MFG-0514.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0z92H7o307aQbiFahwaUv5R7be9bde2k2-Nh6NZrgsF9BorXihqGSOnc0>

Creation Justice Ministries: Seeking Climate Justice for All

<http://www.creationjustice.org/climate-change---get-involved.html>

Earth Care Spiritual Resources

Presbyterians for Earth Care Lenten Devotionals

<https://presbyearthcare.org/devotional-and-worship-aids/>

Presbyterian Hunger Program Tread Lightly for Lent 2020 Calendar

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-2020/?fbclid=IwAR0GLoaSpiKITtgMaNtABtVN05uFIdFWLSY2eIMT3rQowMwcJRFp_6tDy-M

Presbyterians for Earth Care Advent Devotionals

<https://presbyearthcare.org/devotional-and-worship-aids/>

Earth Care Supported by Science

Fourth National Climate Assessment. Volume II: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov>

This PECT Toolkit is a working document. If you have comments, questions, or resources to share please send them to pec@presbyearthcare.org