



Earthkeepers of Heartland Presbytery

The Earthkeepers Team is proud to be a part of Heartland Presbytery. The team meets monthly, seeking to promote environmental and social justice locally, nationally and globally. The team work under the umbrella of the Mission & Social Justice Committee.

Earthkeepers work closely with Presbyterians for Earth Care. (PEC is a member-based, grassroots organization which seeks to promote Earth Care efforts through advocacy and faith-based theological reflection. Several members have been active on the Steering Committee, Advocacy Committee and Conference Planning Committee of Presbyterians for Earth Care. See presbyearthcare.org.

Earthkeepers also works alongside Environmental Ministries, which is part of the Presbyterian Hunger Program funded largely through OGHS.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/>

Members of several Heartland Presbytery churches are represented in the meetings. Members are highly involved in eco-justice (environmental and social justice) not only in their churches, but also within the larger community. Members also integrate the work of Sustainable Sanctuary, Kansas City Food Circle, and MO and KS Interstate Power and Light during their programs, discussion and planning. They are also represented on those boards.

Earthkeeper's members have written seven overtures and have had an Overture Advocate at 218th, 219th, 220th, and 221st General Assemblies and were also represented in the 222nd GA. Overtures have included reinstating the Environmental Ministries office, adding Creation-based scripture to the Book of Order, discouraging non-biodegradable products in churches, supporting EPA standards, and supporting eco-agriculture. The two most recent overtures were based on promoting food sovereignty/food democracy/fair trade and highlighting the importance of the Precautionary Principle and Sustainable Development.

Earthkeepers meet the fourth Monday of each month at Village Presbyterian Church at 7:30 PM. Anyone interested in working in the areas of social, eco- and environmental justice is welcome to be a part of the group. Additionally, Earthkeepers has a list of speakers who are very happy to share about important subjects related to eco-justice.

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*“PC(USA) has decades of policy on climate and environmental justice, worship and theological resources, action steps for individuals and congregations...
Our Stated Clerk, J. Herbert Nelson II, said ...’We will continue to work toward and environmentally safe world, creating jobs in a new economy, based on clean air and based on building an environmentally safe nation.’ “
From PC(USA) website, “PC(USA) Supports Paris Agreement on Climate Change.”*



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