Green your Presbytery:

Starting and Sustaining a Presbytery Earth Care Team

A project of Presbyterians for Earth Care

Webinar hosted by Presbyterian Hunger Program
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Purpose

To collaborate with individuals and churches to become better stewards of God’s creation

PC(USA) statistics for 2018

- 1,352,678 members
- 9,161 churches
- 170 presbyteries
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Strategy

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"Recognize and accept “restoring creation as a central concern of the church, to be incorporated into its life and mission at every level.”"

1990 policy document, Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice
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How did the Presbytery Earth Care Program get started?

- Interviewed 11 presbyteries with existing earth care teams
- Asked about successes and failures and best practices
- Prepared a toolkit with a step-by-step procedure and a directory of resources
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Presbyteries Interviewed

- Hudson River
- Giddings-Lovejoy
- Heartland
- National Capitol
- Greater Atlanta
- West Virginia
- Baltimore
- Northern Plains
- Cascades
- San Fernando
- San Gabriel
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1. Form a Presbytery Earth Care Team
2. Meet as a Presbytery Earth Care Team

1. Describe the purpose
2. Develop a short mission statement
3. Brainstorm possible projects and choose your first project
4. Agree on a name for your team
5. Decide how you will communicate with one another
6. Then set a date, time and location to meet again.
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5. Publicize your accomplishments
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- Monthly conference calls by ZOOM
  - First call is Monday, March 9
  - 8:00 PM EST, 5:00 PM Pacific
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