



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

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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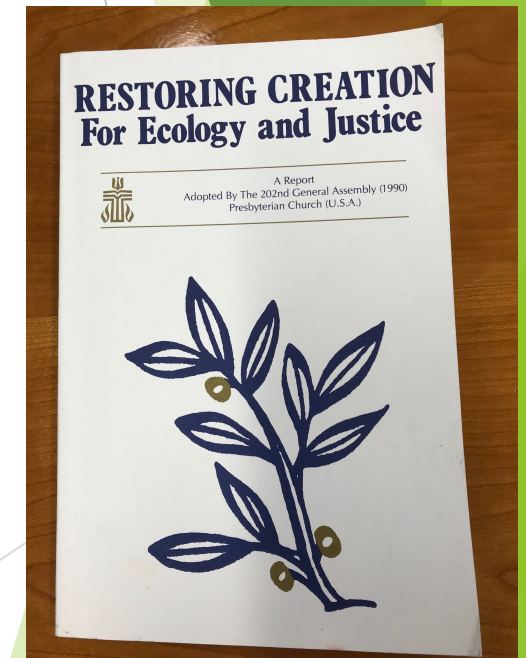


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Recognize and accept “restoring creation as a central concern of the church, to be incorporated into its life and mission at every level.”

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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► 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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