

# in Environmental Work and the PC(USA)

# Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

The PC(USA)'s environmental work (Sustainable Living & Earth Care Concerns) is currently a part of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. PHP works to inspire and equip congregations and presbyteries to work for eco-justice for all of God's earth. PHP produces, promotes and distributes faith-based environmental resources for individuals, congregations and presbyteries. This office also oversees the Earth Care Congregations program (see more below) as part of the denomination's Sustainable Living & Earth Care Concerns work. Learn more at www.pcusa.org/environment.

# **Earth Care Congregation (ECC) Certification**

Earth Care Congregations are congregations that have committed to the "Earth Care Pledge" and have accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities and outreach. Congregations earning 25 points in each of the four categories are certified as Earth Care Congregations through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches

provides congregations with worksheets, resources and instructions for becoming an Earth Care Congregation. To download the guide and learn more about the ECC certification, visit www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.

## **Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC)**

Presbyterians for Earth Care invites individuals and congregations to participate in the growing earth care movement within the PC(USA). PEC is a national eco-justice network that is dedicated to environmental wholeness with social justice, seeking to be a prophetic voice for substantive change in the Church and in the world. Since 1995, PEC has equipped Presbyterians with worship and devotional information, connections through biannual conferences, and support of young adults in the Eco-Stewards program. They've produced numerous overtures for the General Assembly to create Presbyterian policies that care for Creation. They've also produced monthly and seasonal newsletters with book reviews, art and other resources. More information about PEC is available at www.presbyearthcare.org, and you can become a member there too.

#### The Eco-Stewards Program

The Eco-Stewards Program seeks to educate, train and inspire young adults (ages 20–30) in the ways of eco-stewardship within the wider context of Christian faith. The program shares roots in and draws partial support from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Presbyterians for Earth Care, and the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Association. The overarching goal of this grassroots initiative is to help young adults connect and share their passions for faith and environmental stewardship through participation in place-based learning programs that explore how faith communities are responding to environmental challenges. Learn more at https://ecostewardsprogram.wordpress. com/

### **Fossil Free PCUSA (FFPCUSA)**

Fossil Free PCUSA is a grassroots organization in the PC(USA) made up of members and friends of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Their work is specifically rooted in a moral response to the urgency of climate change through activism and organizing. Since 2012, they have responded to a biblical call to care for God's good Creation by calling on the denomination

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