

Some of the Chat Comments from the March 3 PDA-PEC webinar:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seeking support for humanitarian response to Ukraine <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-church-u-s-a-seeking-support-for-humanitarian-response-to-ukraine/> Global partners grateful that the PC(USA) is standing in solidarity against Russian invasion. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/global-partners-grateful-that-the-pcusa-is-standing-in-solidarity-against-russian-invasion/> The link to support PDA's emergency response to those fleeing violence in Ukraine: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/>

Laurie Kraus she/her PCUSA/PDA: Just for folks' awareness, we have been meeting with a staff team including PDA, our World Mission partners in Eastern Europe, our UN and Washington staff. PCUSA response will be humanitarian, focused on local agencies and faith groups in Ukraine and in the border countries receiving refugees. We are already sending \$\$ to support the emergency needs, both inside Ukraine and outside, in Hungary and other E. European countries, some of which are also transporting emergency supplies back into Ukraine. As the response continues, we will be engaging as well, beyond financial support, to work with the UN and the Washington office to support actions that will support safe haven for Ukrainians already in the US and safe corridors to get civilians out of Ukraine We will offer a webinar about the continuing situation and PCUSA response in about 10 days (still scheduling). Our Refugee and Asylum staff lead, Susan Krehbiel, is deeply engaged with US and E Europe partners constantly.

New York State Council of Churches environmental ask for New York State https://uploads-ssl.webflow.com/606325685793ca310e8dc017/620fecbc3f7559517ba15aa3_ENVIRONMENTAL%20JUSTICE%20Legislative%20Ask%202022.pdf and the accompanying seminar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6xO8rn7OOY>

www.pcusa.org/storyproductions and <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/story-productions/>

Laurie Kraus she/her PCUSA/PDA: We are beginning work on a documentary addressing climate change in a few months.

Laurie Kraus she/her PCUSA/PDA: One of our global partnership organizations for disaster response, development and advocacy, is ACT Alliance, and one of our core advocacy foci is Climate Change. ACT is very active in the CoP, having a substantial presence in Glasgow and implementing Climate initiatives throughout our work globally. <https://actalliance.eu/what-we-do/climate-change/>

Jane Laping: **Presbyterians for Earth Care** <https://presbyearthcare.org/>

Directory of Resources for Your Presbytery Earth Care Team

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Directory-of-Resources-for-Your-Presbytery-Earth-Care-Team-04.17.21.pdf>

A Guide to Starting a Church Earth Care Team

<https://presbyearthcare.org/church-earth-care-teams/> (download)

Earth Care Congregations: A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/earth-care-congregations-guide-greening-presbyteri/> (download)

Today's PNS story on the webinar featuring BIPOC leaders:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/bipoc-leaders-talk-climate-justice/>

Austin Seminary's questions and answers with Katharine Hayhoe on Thursday, March 31, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. EST <https://www.austinseminary.edu/lifelong-learning/online/saving-us-qa>

US EPA will eventually be publishing its Agency Climate Change Adaptation Plan that will include most HQ offices and every Regional office. They will be seeing up outreach meetings for citizen input

The Presbyterian Office of Public Witness has championed legislation, such as the Environmental Justice for All Act. Follow them on Voter Voice:

<https://www.votervoicenet/mobile/PCUSA/Campaigns/85224/Respond>

Bruce's PS: The last presenter of the webinar's six presenters, PEC Moderator Bruce Gillette, cut short his talk to allow time for participants' comments, questions and answers. He would be happy to chat with you about any of the following resources, pastorbrucegillette@gmail.com

Presbyterians for Earth Care Facebook is updated many times a week with helpful reading, resources and events: <https://www.facebook.com/presbyearthcare>

["UN 'house on fire' climate report key to action" AP story on IPCC report, February 28](#)

"Extreme weather affected more than 14.5 million homes in the United States last year, causing an estimated \$56.92 billion in property damage, according to a [report](#) by CoreLogic, a property information and analytics provider. The findings drive home the devastating toll of disasters — including hurricanes, floods and wildfires — that are becoming more common and costly because of climate change" ("Weather disasters affected 1 in 10 homes in the country last year, report finds" [Washington Post, February 17](#)). "

"Climate Change Already Causes 5 Million Extra Deaths Per Year" ([U.S. News & World Report, July 8, 2021](#)).

Tread Lightly for Lent 2022 by the Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. Check out the ideas for each day of Lent and use it also other times of the year. Encourage your congregation and family to use it.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/>

Lenten Devotional 2022 by Presbyterians for Earth Care includes diverse writers' reflections on Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week and beautiful photographs by Roy Howard: <https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/PEC-Lenten-Devotional-2022-FINAL.pdf>

PEC WEEKLY LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY CONVERSATIONS FOR LENT

Everyone is invited to a weekly, online Bible study looking at the upcoming Sunday's lectionary text during Lent. The group meets Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. EST to Noon. Come and enjoy a time to reflect together on the Bible, to discuss possible connections to caring for God's creation, and simply to enjoy times of fellowship and prayer with others from around the country. No prior experience in Bible is needed. Seekers, pastors, activists, teachers and everyone are invited. Questions? Contact pastorbrucegillette@gmail.com

Zoom: Meeting ID: 844 7664 0282 Passcode: PECLNT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84476640282?pwd=ZEU4ZEZGcFR3eWkxRkVwVzdidEFVZz09>

Climate Overture to PC(USA) 225th General Assembly: "The Time is Now to Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon, and Speak Up". [CLICK HERE](#) to download the PEC overture and access accompanying resources. We hope many Sessions and Presbyteries will consider sponsoring this overture as a way to encourage more conversations (and actions) related to Climate Change.

52 Ways To Care for Creation from the ecumenical Creation Justice Ministries. <https://www.creationjustice.org/blog/52-ways-to-care-for-creation> Consider putting one each Sunday in your worship bulletin and/or weekly e-notes to your church and Facebook. Check out the Creation Justice website for many more resources.

[*50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference \(Revised Edition\)*](#) by Rebecca Barnes (Presbyterian Hunger Program Coordinator, previously served as PCUSA Associate for Environmental Ministries) is an excellent book filled with practical ideas. We donated a copy to our public library as an outreach to our community.

[**10 steps you can take to lower your carbon footprint**](#) (Washington Post) is a very readable guide with lots of links for each step :

1. Create less food waste
2. Ditch your grass
3. Save coral reefs by packing smartly for your beach vacation

4. Shop sustainably by buying less
5. Protect our forests
6. Trade in for an electric car
7. Weatherize your home
8. Learn about the link between climate change and racial equity
9. Consider carbon offsets
10. Pass it on.

Blessed Tomorrow offers a wide range of resources and events. Restoring Nature = Restoring Ourselves; Climate Solutions for Your Workplace or Congregation; Climate Solutions for Your Home and Neighborhood; Climate Solutions Advocacy with Policy Makers; Climate Solutions for Your Community and more.

<https://blessedtomorrow.org/resources/>

Project Drawdown seeks to “help the world reach “drawdown”—the point in the future when levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere stop climbing and start to steadily decline, thereby stopping catastrophic climate change—as quickly, safely, and equitably as possible.” They have an excellent website filled with in-depth studies and ideas for a wide range of areas: <https://drawdown.org>

Restoring Creation, low-interest loans from Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP) makes it easier for congregations to ensure our church buildings reflect who we are as a community of faith. Loans are available to qualifying congregations engaged in projects that render our buildings more energy efficient as well as solar, geothermal and other projects. <https://pilp.pcusa.org/restoring-creation-loan/>

Inside Climate News offers four different (free!) publications for staying up on the important news: <https://insideclimatenews.org/newsletter/>

Washington Post ([Climate Solutions](#)) and *New York Times* ([Climate and Environment](#)) offered more climate change and environmental reporting than most newspapers and news magazines.