



Seventeen NCP Churches Were Certified as PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations!

Seventeen churches in our presbytery were recently certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2026. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.

Began in 2010, this PC(USA) national program is celebrating 15 years of certifying churches and celebrating environmental ministry across 4 major areas of a congregation's life: worship, education, facilities, and outreach in the community.

Earth Care Congregations exist as strong community partners in their own areas as well as models for Presbyterian congregations across the country. One of the goals of this program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. By the time a church has recertified for several years, the earth care ethic becomes ingrained in a congregation's culture, spreads to the surrounding community, and impacts the personal lives of individual church members.

Obtaining this status speaks to the serious commitment that these seventeen churches have made to care for God's earth.

For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program visit www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations. Here is a link to an active group of NCP churches that meet quarterly to share approaches to being better earth care stewards.

<https://thepresbytery.org/the-work-of-the-presbytery/committees/mission-coordination/earth-care-network/>

*Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church
Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church
Knox Presbyterian- Falls Church, VA
Providence Presbyterian Church
Rockville United Church
Fairlington Presbyterian Church
United Christian Parish of Reston, VA
Fairfax Presbyterian Church
First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City
Leesburg Presbyterian Church
New Hope Presbyterian Church
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church*

*Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon VA
Potomac Presbyterian Church
Immanuel Presbyterian Church*