

UM Creation Justice Movement Resources and links
As shared during the [May 2025 Movement Cafe](#)
Full recording also available on [YouTube here](#)

United Methodist Creation Justice movement Resources

umcreationjustice.org

Working Teams: <https://umcreationjustice.org/creation-justice-working-teams/>

Link to recent newsletters: <https://umcreationjustice.org/contact-2/>

Creation Justice Tips: <https://umcreationjustice.org/tips/>

Movement Cafe: <https://umcreationjustice.org/movement-cafe/>

Annual Conference Teams, contact information and Resources:

<https://umcreationjustice.org/about/annual-conference-creation-justice-connections/>

If your conference team is not yet represented here, please let us know

- Statements from the UMC here: <https://umcreationjustice.org/1984-2/>
- 2024 General Conference Creation Justice decisions:
<https://umcreationjustice.org/creation-care-and-justice-legislation-2024/>
- Model resolutions you can adapt to use in your conference:
<https://umcreationjustice.org/model-resolutions-for-annual-conference-season-2025/>
- Some of the older resolutions that have been mentioned should be available here:
<https://umcreationjustice.org/creation-justice-conference-resolutions-collection/>
- Link to resolutions that will be presented in the upcoming annual conference season:
<https://umcreationjustice.org/creation-justice-proposals-at-2025-annual-conferences/>
If you are introducing legislation that is not yet included there, please let us know!
- Guidance for how to implement the new Caretakers of God's Creation Coordinator position in your conference: <https://umcreationjustice.org/caretakers-coordinators/>

Resources for promoting Creation Justice at Annual Conference:

<https://umcreationjustice.org/creation-care-toolkit-for-annual-conferences-2025/>

- Also this Sustainability Kit for Annual Conference tables/booths (EarthKeeper Project by Ryan Wieland): <https://creationcare.umcmmission.org/ventures/109859>

Resources specifically for Green Teams:

<https://umcreationjustice.org/green-teams-resources/>

Green Teams Group: Meets this Thursday, May 22, topic: how to promote Green Teams at AC.
Ghubbard@neumc.org

Fossil Free UMC: Fossilfreeumc.net

Global Ministries

Creation Care Network: creationcare.umcmmission.org

Global Ministries EarthKeepers: <https://umcmmission.org/earthkeepers/>
Fall In-Person Training October 2-5, 2025

United Women in Faith

UWF has lots of resources and ideas, too. See especially: [Just Energy 4 All campaign](#)

- 13 Principles and Steps to Sustainability: These are intersectional, incorporating how all of our values are incorporated together: accessibility, affordability, carbon footprint, healthy beverages, just economic opportunities, local solidarity, multigenerational inclusion, paper use, racial justice, toxic reduction, waste reduction, water use, well-being of participants. [Intro-to-13-Steps-to-Sustainability](#)

Survey Form for sharing stories and your input

We encourage you to fill out this survey to express your interest in various topics

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JFq04Dh-u2UyeKrUYTbAxLcWzuabWt_ou3w6gGnIrCg/edit

Baltimore Washington Conference Team

<https://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/love-like-jesus/creation-care/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/16C.JwXzfHw/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

EJ/ER Webinar August 2020

https://youtu.be/TpCNK_DodDM?si=9DT-jpOIWsfDXSqt

Faith Grows by Pizza: A Three-Part Workshop Series

Come out to Community for a Container Gardening demonstration with hands on activity!

Attendees will leave with their own container they have planted with tomatoes (Roma) and pizza herbs, simple directions they followed to create and plant, and copies of directions for hosting their own Pizza Party Container Garden event.

https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/faith_grows_by_pizza_container_gardening

Tennessee Western Kentucky Creation Care Ministry webpage

<https://creationcaretwkumc.org/>

Liberating People and the Planet Book and Webinar:

<https://www.religionandjustice.org/liberating>

(Roman and Littlefield) - available to order thru any bookstore

Dakota Conference

News article from the Dakota's conference:

<https://www.dakotasumc.org/news/caring-for-gods-creation-a-call-to-action>

Marty's EarthKeeper Project - Seven Questions for UM Churches:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rR14nOR3iwILeAjsibiPEp1j0LwVJHO9/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=103757333032099784247&rtpof=true&sd=true

See also this link to EarthKeeper Project: <https://creationcare.umcmmission.org/ventures/107805>

North Carolina Conference

Green Church Initiative—basically a checklist of creation care things covering all aspects of church life. NCCUMC website is being updated right now, so check it after June

nccumc.org/creation

Western NC Conference Green Church Initiative ...

<https://wnc.brtapp.com/files/websites/www/creation+care/wncc+green+church+initiative.pdf>

Additional Questions and Comments from the chat

- Todd Phillips: Is there a central database of resources just mentioned? Is it searchable?
 - Cathy: Hopefully one of the links I included answers your questions, but let me know if there is something else you are looking for.
- Carl Gladstone: Are there any mission/service destinations (like youth mission trip orgs) providing any solar install or other volunteer friendly eco-justice projects?
 - Richenda: I hope so! UM Youth ministries at the agency level is still grappling with how to address climate and creation. Some creation care teams are addressing the technical parts of energy transition, but guidance from Agency trustees such as Council on Finance and Administration is not here yet. These are opportunities, and I hope someone here knows more.
 - Jane Almon: Talk to Jonathan Brake about this
- Richard Alton: Do you measure or track going Net Zero
 - Richenda: Another opportunity. Connect with Jenny Philips at Global Ministries. And the EPA program has been stopped. There are people working on this.
 - Mel: You might want to introduce the net zero resolution from General Conference at your Annual Conference.

- Richard Alton: What % of congregations have green teams?
- Katherine Martin: I found folks who liked to garden were the first & biggest group to meet with initially. See who bubbles up as leads and expand to other creation care topics.
- Ellen Klock: How many conferences have a paid climate justice representative?
It's a lot for a volunteer group
 - Cathy: There have been so many ideas shared today! Yes it can be overwhelming. Find a partner or two and Just start with something that feels exciting to you.
 - Jonathan: Ellen, you're hearing examples from annual conferences over the course of YEARS. Like Cathy said, start somewhere, do that well, and grow from there. I planted one tomato seed last year and saved a dozen for the next year - the same goes when growing a ministry!
- Kathleen Bradley: I'm a former UMC green team member, I was working on being an Earthkeeper before marrying a UCC and falling in with them and our local church green team. I was actually shocked to hear how many of you talked about being afraid of those above. I am here for some ideas on how to strengthen our green team. I am inspired by all your efforts and toward earth keeping and creation care. We did have a creation care tree (up about a month) for Earth Sunday where people placed cards on what they were doing which we read to inspire others on Creation/Earth Sunday.
- Jane Almon: a few conferences have a Green Church Initiative—basically a checklist of creation care things covering all aspects of church life. NCCUMC website is being updated right now, so check it after June nccumc.org/creation
- Janet Steele: Our congregation formed a Green Team as an extension of our Wild Church launch. West Ohio offers training and we jumped on it and have already completed two projects - there are people looking for ways to connect to nature, God, and community.
- Judith Smith: Start a column in your church newsletter. We named ours "Green Gertie" with questions and answers.

- Marty Toepke-Floyd: Prayer is very important to any effort. It was my prayers and others who carried me forward to accomplish my Earthkeeper project and will carry me forward in the Dakotas.
- Ellen Klock: Upper New York has a fledgling climate justice team but we are handing out green team bags at Annual Conference to encourage local churches to form their own green teams
 - Grace: I want to know more about what's in those bags!
 - Marty: me too! mctfloyd@gmail.com
- Mike Koob: So many great Caretakers of God's creation are on the zoom. Mel and others!!! Shout out to Grace, Jonathan, pat, Karen, Mark ...Who did I miss??
 - Grace: North Carolina represented by Jane Almon!

Closing Prayer

Shared by Mike Koob

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. - Psalm 104:24

Voice of the Day: Love all of God's creation, both the whole of it and every grain of sand. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. - Fyodor Dostoevsky, "The Brothers Karamazov" (1880)

Prayer of the day: Open our hearts to see your wisdom in every creature and every grain of sand, that we may love all of your creation as a reflection of your boundless light and love.