



What is VPC doing?

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you. Or speak to the earth and it will teach you. Which of these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all the human race." Job 12:7-10

One way VPC is working to build a more loving world is its pledge to place the restoration of creation as a central concern of the church, incorporating it into its life and mission at every level. We recognize that this work is not a short-term concern, but a continuing task to which the nation and world must give attention and commitment, and which has profound implications for the life, work, and witness of Christian people. We perceive the way God's plan for community is revealed through nature in our redwood grove: rooted together we understand how we are truly one, able to lovingly support one another through all the seasons of life.

Our Earth Care Team...

- supports VPC's desire to care for the Earth in a holistic way,
- stands with the Presbyterian Church (USA) who "finds that the [urgency, injustice, and seriousness of this issue](#) calls us as Christians [to act NOW and to act boldly.](#)"
- [works to increase awareness of Climate Change issues](#) through worship, educational opportunities to the community, and [the pursuit of action and advocacy on behalf of our world, including donations to organizations that are making a difference.](#)

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[On our Church Campus](#)

We endeavor to manage, maintain, and upgrade our facilities in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably the needs of all people.

In our buildings and on our grounds, we strive to use energy efficiently, conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so that God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.

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- Hear the voices of the VPC Earth Care team members as they recount how their faith relates to their commitment of Caring for the Earth
- Attend Special EarthCare Worship Service April 25, 2021 and Listen to Pastor Jenny's Interview with Diana Walsh
- Join VPC in Conversation with Climate Reality Volunteer Wei Tai Kwok as he gives update on the Climate Crisis



We are Part of a Movement

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EARTH CARE PLEDGE (PART OF THE EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS PROGRAM)

The Social Justice and Peacemaking Unit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in consultation with congregations and presbyteries across the denomination, developed a five-part resolution as a model for mobilizing congregations to respond to the General Assembly's "CALL TO RESTORE THE CREATION." The resolution was simplified to a four-part pledge in 2010. Churches applying to be an Earth Care Congregation must have the Earth Care Pledge affirmed by their session and signed by the clerk.

Earth Care Pledge

Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

1. Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.
2. In education, we will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage and support each other in finding ways of keeping and healing the creation in response to God's call to earth-keeping, justice and community.
3. Our facilities will be managed, maintained and upgraded in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably the needs of all people. In our buildings and on our grounds we will use energy efficiently, conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so that God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.
4. Our outreach will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.

Affirmed by

Name of Congregation _____ City, _____ State _____ Signature _____,
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