

PLANNING YOUR PROJECT

Conference
CJ Ministry



How to Structure Your Annual Conference Creation Justice Ministry

Join the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement in a Workshop on:

**LOVING PEOPLE AND PLANET IN THE NAME OF GOD:
ENGAGING THE LOCAL CHURCH**



5 2-Hour On-line Sessions:

Our Theological Grounding
Climate Crisis and Creation Justice: Connecting
the Dots
God's Good Gifts: Called as Stewards and
Prophets

What Can Churches Do?

Your Green Team, Your Plan

FEB 20, 24, & 27 and MAR 3 & 10, 2022

Time: 7-9 PM EST Cost: \$25

WHAT CHURCHES BRING TO CREATION JUSTICE

CONFERENCES

ASSETS

- PEOPLE (leadership, interest, skills, communications, social media, networks)
- PROPERTY (land , buildings, parking lot, resources)
- LOCATION (community, businesses, schools, natural resources, geography)

ENGAGING THE LOCAL CONFERENCE



**BISHOPS &
CABINET**



**TRUSTEES -
PHYSICAL
PLANTS &
INVESTMENTS**

**CONGREGATIONS
MINISTRIES
CAMPS
YOUTH**



PEOPLE

NOV 5, 2021: The UM Council of Bishops pledged to:

- Encourage and support action on climate change at the annual conference level, including support for moving toward net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.
- Review the 2009 document “**God’s Renewed Creation**” to determine how to best address the intersection of climate change, poverty, racism and colonialism.
- Encourage the use of Board of Church and Society website to sign onto letters related to climate justice.
- Join the denomination’s 13 general agencies’ pledge to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 across ministries, facilities, operations and investments.
- Reaffirm the denomination’s Social Principle on Global Climate Stewardship as an ongoing commitment.

WHAT CHURCHES BRING TO CREATION JUSTICE

• CONNECTION

- COMMUNITY HOUSES OF WORSHIP (UMC and others)
- UMC CONNECTION (UMC Agencies, Creation Justice Movement)
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (local)
- ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (national, international, interfaith)

UMC Agencies

APRIL 2021: General Agencies of The United Methodist Church Commit to Net-Zero Emissions by 2050

- The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS)
- The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM)
- The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM)
- The General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH)
- The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW)
- The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA)
- Discipleship Ministries
- United Methodist Communications (UMCom)
- United Methodist Men (UMM)
- United Methodist Women (UMW)
- Wespath Benefits and Investments (Wespath)



Global Ministries **EARTHKEEPERS**

Spring Training

March 18–April 2, 2022

Learn more and apply
umcmmission.org/earthkeepers

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 1, 2022**



WHAT CHURCHES BRING TO CREATION JUSTICE

• VOICE

- STUDY GROUPS (Bible study, Sunday School, small groups, special series)
- CHURCH STATEMENT (start conversations, involve others, give direction)
- PRAYER PARTNERS (contributions by concerned but less able persons)
- ADVOCACY (letter writing, petitions)

SWOT ANALYSIS

- **S**TRENGTHS to build on
- **W**EAKNESSES to minimize
- **O**PPORTUNITIES to seize
- **T**HREATS to overcome

SMART GOALS

- SPECIFIC
- MEASURABLE
- ATTAINABLE
- RELEVANT
- TIME-LIMITED