

2024 GLAPCE Fall Event Resources

Resources:

October is Children's health month – Theme: Growing Healthy, Growing Happy. These are resources from the EPA, for parents & caregivers, school leaders and teachers, an outreach kit and activities for kids. <https://www.epa.gov/children/childrens-health-month>

One Home, One Future Campaign - a multi-faith campaign to strengthen vitality, relevance, and community connection across generations in local congregations nationwide. Be part of a visible effort to invite creation care and climate action, no matter if you are just getting started or already engaging. They present this process through a variety of approaches: Build Thriving Congregations, Support Leaders and Youth, Engage & Strengthen Local Communities, Work Toward Justice, Restore Healthy Creation, Strengthen Preparedness, Allocate for Climate. <https://www.onehomeonefuture.org/>

Emergency Events Can Impact Your Indoor Air Quality Infographic – This infographic page from the EPA has links to all sorts of ways to improve your indoor air quality in the wake of a variety of emergency events. https://www.epa.gov/emergencies-iaq/emergency-events-can-impact-your-indoor-air-quality-infographic?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Caring for God's Creation – from Regarding Ruling Elders: A Monthly Series for Serving Faithfully. How do your elders relate to this important topic? This brief article gives a few ideas and includes some helpful questions. https://www.pcusa.org/news/2024/9/16/regarding-ruling-elders-a-monthly-series-for-servi/?utm_medium=email&hsmi=324904494&utm_content=324904494&utm_source=hs_email

Presbyterians for Earth Care – This group has a great library of webinars on any subject imaginable. Those might be helpful for officer training or adult education. <https://presbyearthcare.org/>

Earth Care Congregations Certification – This is a program through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for congregations to become more involved in being stewards of God's earth. The staff person for this program is our Fall Event speaker, Jessica Maudlin. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>

The Presbyterian Hunger Program – This is the “umbrella” office under which creation care work is housed in the PCUSA. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/>

The Presbyterian Tree Fund – This is the fund that our offering will benefit. Donations received will be used to grant tree-planting and other carbon sequestration projects. This is a means to counterbalance our carbon emissions. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/presbyterian-carbon-tree-fund/>

Interfaith Power & Light – This is a national organization with state chapters, that engages faith communities in environmental stewardship and climate action. Check out the “Cool Congregations” area for some practical ideas and resources for moving your congregation toward a more eco-friendly place. <https://interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

Creation Justice Ministries – This is an organization supported by a wide variety of denominations, which seeks to protect, restore and lead to rightly sharing God's creation. They provide resources for Earth Day and many others. <https://www.creationjustice.org/>

Katharine Hayhoe – A climate scientist with a great newsletter. <https://www.katharinehayhoe.com/>

Three Bright Ideas – This is a video made by the First Presbyterian Church of Traverse City about some work they are doing to make their church home more environmentally friendly. Not something we all can do (they have professional video people in their congregation), but very cool. They are an Earth Care congregation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOY-VCDERuA>

Kiss the Ground video - Great video about soil and composting, recommended by Jen Juhaz. <https://kisstheground.com/education/resources/>

Hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette – This is a great resource for hymns with contemporary lyrics set to familiar hymn tunes, some of which were used during worship at the 2024 GLAPCE Fall Event. They are helpfully indexed and well done. <https://www.carolynshymns.com/>

Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth - This book by Debra Rienstra comes highly recommended by Eileen Best. The link below is to her website, where she offers a free discussion guide to go with the book. <https://debrarienstra.com/refugia-faith/>

Event:

The 2025 APCE Annual Event: A Stirring in our Souls: Wrestling with God and Church Toward a More Beloved Community, January 29 – February 1, in Memphis, TN. Registration is open! Come to hear some excellent speakers, participate in moving and challenging worship, and to learn. You can go to Memphis, or you can participate in AE Online from home. The Early Bird deadline for the lowest registration price is November 15. <https://apcenet.org/2025-annual-event/>
