

Thirteen churches were certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program, through February 2024. 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.



This status speaks to the serious commitment these churches have made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, these congregations affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

Started in 2010 by the PC(USA), the goal 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. The Earth Care Congregation certification honors churches that make that commitment and encourages others to follow their example.

"305 churches in our denomination chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. The congregations' activities and commitment bring hope to their communities and indeed to the world. We believe these churches will inspire others to respond intentionally to God's call to care for the earth," says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

#### Winnebago Presbytery

- Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church – Stevens Point, WI
- First Presbyterian Church – Marshfield, WI

#### Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

- Cherokee Park United Church - St. Paul, MN
- Presbyterian Church of the Apostles – Burnsville, MN
- Valley Community Presbyterian Church - Golden Valley, MN
- New Life Presbyterian Church Roseville – Roseville, MN
- Westminster Presbyterian Church Minneapolis – Minneapolis, MN
- First Presbyterian Church of South St Paul, MN - South St. Paul, MN
- Oak Grove Presbyterian Church – Bloomington, MN
- The House of Hope Presbyterian Church - Saint Paul, MN
- First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Minnesota – Stillwater, MN
- Macalester Plymouth United Church - Saint Paul, MN
- St Luke Presbyterian Church – Minnetonka, MN

For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program visit:  
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