

**EARTH CARE INITIATIVE
MAPC 2017 Annual Report
Submitted by Elder Pat Timm**

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The Earth Care Initiative is coordinated by the Leadership Team. We welcome you to join us in the planning and execution of Earth Care activities. We consider Earth Care to be a spiritual journey and hope you will find our activities a part of your spiritual path.

The real muscle, heart and initiative for our activities is in the Committees and Communities of MAPC. Our Session has committed to achieving carbon neutrality. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is leading the effort to reduce our waste and our energy use. The 150th Anniversary Committee is considering the capital commitment needed for this change. Progressive Education has scheduled sessions on global warming, climate change, nature, and recycling. The Worshipping Community has provided moments for mission, introduced “green” liturgies, and scheduled guest preachers focusing on environmental and faith issues. We continue to seek connections with organizations in Greater Cincinnati working on environmental justice. Let us know if this is an interest of yours. Join the Committee or Community where your passion and Earth Care activities merge.

2017 EARTH CARE ACTIVITIES

Green Faith:

Lenton Devotions: Five Sundays during Worship

Green Learning:

Led four Adult Encounters Sessions during Lent

Sponsored a National Issues Forum on Climate Change in April

Led a Fernald Nature Preserve Field Trip in August

October Encounters: Nature in the poetry of Frost and Berry by John Tallmadge

Green Living and Life Style Practices:
Green Card for Lent

Recycling Sunday, November 5

Green Outreach:

City Rally for Science in April on Fountain Square

Climate Change Rally in June on Fountain Square

Presbytery of Cincinnati meetings to prepare for

Earth Care Workshop in February 2018

Bulletin Board Displays in Social Hall

On January 10 our application for Certification by PCUSA as an Earth Care Congregation was submitted.