



National Capital Presbytery Earth Care Network

Mentoring Program

"...God's work in creation is too wonderful, too ancient, too beautiful, too good to be desecrated...Restoring creation is God's own work in our time, in which God comes both to judge and to restore..." —[PC\(USA\) Environmental Policy](#)

In order to assist congregations in restoring creation, the Presbyterian Church (USA) established a set of best practices that congregations can use to determine the extent to which their church's programs and activities truly demonstrate their commitment. For those that successfully meet the objectives, the PC (USA) provides official certification that the congregation can use in promotional materials.

The National Capital Presbytery (NCP) Earth Care Network includes in its mission:
"to provide leadership, resources and support to:

- Change the lives of people and congregations.
- Guide sustainable living.
- Enable environmental stewardship, witness and outreach."

Because some congregations may find the certification process somewhat daunting, the NCP Earth Care Network has established a mentoring program of people in our Presbytery whom you can consult to help you understand and apply the certification process in your church.

These mentors can:

- Meet with you and explain the process
- Help you find resources
- Brainstorm approaches you might take with your congregation
- Talk with your Session or Pastor
- Answer questions about how to interpret the PC (USA) guidance

Earth Care Network Mentors:

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For more Information:

NCP Earth Care Network: <http://www.thepresbytery.org/mission-ministry/ncp-earth-care-network/>

PC (USA) Earth Care Program:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>