



## **First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence is Certified as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation**

Lawrence, KS – First Presbyterian Church was 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 that First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence has made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation 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.

"First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence is just one of the 305 churches in our denomination that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. This congregation's activities and commitment brings hope to their community and indeed to the world. We believe that First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence 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.).

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For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program visit [www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations](http://www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations).