



Foothills Presbytery Area Highlights:

Black History Month! How can we help in this important Social Justice effort? How can we help all year?

This is a time to celebrate, reflect, and be inspired to action. This month, we laud many heroes who came before us and made our world a better place for all. Their courage and activism should serve as a call to each and every one of us this month, and every month, to fight for the promise of equality on which our nation was founded.

Today, inequality and injustice are still rooted in every corner of our society. But as we say in South Carolina, "While I breathe, I hope." We saw our first black Vice president and Georgia's first Black senator sworn in. And that was made possible because people like you turned reflection into action.

We must address the systemic racism that plagues our nation -- from health care to environmental protection to criminal justice -- if we truly want to build our country back better than ever before.

A list of actions which can make a difference include signing petitions, joining racial justice organizations, attending virtual book clubs, plus unique ways you can help where you are.

Petitions

Police Reform

Sign on to Color of Change's [platform of structural demands](#) to reduce, over time, the impacts of policing in concrete and tangible ways.

NAACP 'We Are Done Dying' Campaign

[Add your name](#) to support reforms to criminal justice, economic, health, and voting policy.

Black Lives Matter has organized a more extensive list of petitions [you can sign here](#).

Calls

One of the easiest and most important steps we can take is calling for our elected officials to hold police accountable for their role in the killing of Black people, address environmental racism, and so much more.

Find your [representative](#) or [senator](#) today to get in contact.

Organizations to join

NAACP

Since 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has organized to eliminate race-based discrimination and expand equality in politics, education, economics, and so much more. Find volunteer opportunities and more ways to engage with and support the [NAACP here](#).

National Action Network

The National Action Network fights for equality in the application of justice and opportunities. Since its founding, NAN has called attention to voting rights, corporate responsibility, criminal justice reform and so much more. Learn more about NAN and how you can get involved [here](#).

Black Lives Matter

Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 following the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. The global organization seeks to eliminate white supremacy, build local power, and affirm Black humanity. Transformative change starts with the grassroots, find your local Black Lives Matter chapter and actions you can participate in [here](#).

[Color of Change](#) is working to hold the officers who killed both George Floyd and Breonna Taylor accountable and fighting for a platform that ends the senseless killing of Black people in this country.

[NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#) fights for racial justice through advocacy, litigation, and public education.

The ACLU provides supporters with detailed [guides on their rights](#) as they join protests.

Other ways to get involved

Join others in appreciating Black contributions by joining the [Global Black Caucus Cafe in reading Frederick Douglass](#), attending a [virtual screen of Good Trouble](#), or [participating in a Democrats Abroad book club for Black History Month](#).

Adding anti-racism literature to your reading list is a great way to deepen your anti-racist work but also make room to support, uplift, and enjoy work by Black creatives. Find some anti-racist literature [here](#) and popular books by some talented writers [here](#). If you're a podcast fan then add 1619 and Intersectionality Matters! into your rotation. 1619 is a beautifully produced podcast on the renowned 1619 Project centering the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans to our nation's narrative. Intersectionality Matters! is hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw, a lawyer, civil rights activist, and critical race theory scholar. Watch movies that lay bare this country's racist roots. Educating ourselves on America's history of racism is the only way we can take steps to untangle ourselves from the systemic racism that permeates all our daily lives.

Make sure you're registered to vote and everyone you know is also registered to vote at [IWillVote.com](#).

Support Black-owned businesses! Fighting police brutality and racial injustice is so important, but one of the best ways to support the Black community is to support Black-owned businesses. [Here are a few you can check out](#) and you can find Black-owned businesses local to you [here](#)



Order Deadline (2021 Season)

Website Opens: January 18th, 2021

Order cutoff : March 5, 2021 6pm

Deliveries: week prior to Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday: March 28, 2021

By choosing Ecopalms for Palm Sunday you can promote environmental and social justice through your congregations palm purchasing decisions!

Promote Social Justice

- Harvesting palms is an important source of income but gatherers receive a low price
- Gatherers will receive a higher price for their “fair trade” palms improving their income.

Promote Environmental Stewardship

- Palms protect valuable natural forests because they provide income to forest communities.
- Palms will be “sustainably” harvested and managed protecting the palms and the forests they need for shade.

Why a "Fair Trade" Palm?

- To improve income and living conditions for the communities gathering the palm.
- To protect the palms and the important forests from which they are gathered through sustainable harvest programs.

Did You Know?

- Approximately 308 million palm fronds were consumed in the United States in 1998.
- Palm purchases for Palm Sunday may be worth up to 4.5 million dollars/year.
- A congregation of 1,100 to 1,500 members will order approximately 700 palm fronds for Palm Sunday services.
- Palm gathering actually protects valuable natural forests.
- At least half of the farmers in the Central Peten of Guatemala earn additional income from harvesting fronds and, more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds.
- Each palm plant produces 2 to 5 harvestable leaves over a 2 to 4 month period.

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC)

<https://presbyearthcare.org/>

<http://presbyearthcare.blogspot.com/>



E A R T H :

Earth Action, Reflection, Theology and Hope

LOOKING FORWARD WITH FAITH

In April 2020, when COVID's grip was tightening on the world, one of the few bright spots was the precipitate fall in greenhouse gases as economies shut down and people stopped traveling.

Unfortunately, that trend didn't last, and by June, emissions were within five percent of 2019 levels.

But as Christians, we are a people of hope, even in the dark of winter. This issue is being released as COVID vaccines roll out, albeit too slowly, and a new administration is installed in Washington, promising to rejoin the Paris Climate Accord, cancel the Keystone Pipeline, and take other swift action on environmental issues.

For this issue of Earth News, we asked people of faith who have made environmental justice their mission, to share their hopes for 2021 and beyond. They are just a few of the many voices crying out in the wilderness. "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together."

(Isaiah 40:5)

Eric Diekhans

SolarNation

SolarNation's vision is to activate every person in every community to personally and directly engage in the project of combating catastrophic climate change by acting at the local level. Our mission is to ignite a national net-zero movement that supports and accelerates the efforts of local communities to eliminate their carbon footprints.

Our method is founded on the premise that individuals and communities will enthusiastically embrace the aspirational goal of addressing climate change when they are empowered to co-create meaningful and plausible ways to do so that fit into their lives. For example, a community might decide to create a local community solar project, to provide cheaper, carbon-free energy to low-income members. Later, what begins as an attempt to save a little money on utility bills while doing

the “right thing” for the planet, can subsequently grow into a venture to engage more neighbors, the broader business community, educators, students and local government leaders to collaborate in creating additional ways to provide a just and sustainable energy future for the local area.

Ultimately, SolarNation targets the denial, despair and sense of powerlessness that many feel at the prospect of catastrophic climate change by guiding community-driven efforts to organize and finance community solar and other net-zero energy activities. SolarNation’s approach minimizes technical barriers while maximizing participants’ emotional connection to the work. This changes people’s relationship to climate change, from isolated victims to collective victors. The resultant transformation of climate-change consciousness puts communities on hopeful pathways to take further action to grow the movement and ensure a healthy future for the planet.

*Carlos Monteagudo, MD, MPH: Founder & CEO – a social entrepreneur for 20 years and a practicing psychiatrist in public hospitals since 1988. After a Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship, in 2002 Carlos cofounded **SEED**, which creates tools and supports community agencies for community organizing and leadership development. In 2014, Carlos founded SolarNation to apply his experiences in leadership development and community organizing to the issue of climate change. He has Chicago roots and is a Bloomfield, NJ, resident. He is an Elder at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, where his wife, the Reverend Ruth Boling is the pastor.*

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/>

Earth Care Congregations: A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches

Version 4, updated 2018

Earth Care Congregations are congregations that have committed to the “Earth Care Pledge” and accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God’s earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Congregations earning 25 points in each of the four categories will be certified as Earth Care Congregations and receive various honors. Congregation members will also be invited to participate as individuals by completing similar actions in their homes. A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches provides congregations with worksheets, resources, and instructions for becoming an Earth Care Congregation. The four categories of actions in the “Earth Care Pledge” were used as a guide for developing “Earth Care Congregations: A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches.”

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/earth-care-congregations-guide-greening-presbyterian/>



<http://www.creationjustice.org/>

Be sure to register for these other upcoming virtual workshops:

February 17: [ResiLENT Worship: Preaching Our Way to Climate Resilience](#)

March 25: [Climate Justice on Sacred Ground: The Role of Church Lands in Resilience and Adaptation](#)

#CareForCreation

This year, Creation Justice Ministries is excited to share with you our first [52 Ways to Care for Creation](#). This campaign shares weekly tips and tricks to make caring for creation part of your every day life. We share these weekly tips on social media, as well as through monthly bulletin inserts that we hope you will share with your communities. Follow us @CreationJustice on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to see our weekly updates and please share with us your tips as well!

¿Prefiera español? [Utiliza 52 maneras de cuidar de la creación](#).

Observe Earth Day Sunday on April 25, 2021 This year is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Make use of the Earth Day Sunday resource developed annually by Creation Justice Ministries. This year's theme is "The Fierce Urgency of Now" and is all about how to live faithfully in urgent times. This year's theme is "Environmental Racism, Public Health, & Eco- Justice" and past years can be found through www.earthdaysunday.org.

Frontera de Cristo --- Cultivating Relationships and Understanding Across Borders

Mark Adams <mark@fronteradecristo.org>

FDC Receives Grant to Expand the "Love Mercy, Do Justice" Ministry

Frontera de Cristo recently received a \$30,000 grant from the [Franciscan Sisters](#) Seeding a Legacy Grant Program to help expand its Love Mercy, Do Justice Ministry along the US-Mexico border. We are grateful to Sister Joyce Blum who was instrumental in our being awarded this grant. Sr. Joyce lived on the border more than fifteen years ago, but she now lives and serves in Panama, Iowa, and attends the "virtual" Healing Our Borders Vigil each Tuesday evening. This grant will make possible for shelters to continue loving mercy by serving 100% organic freshly roasted coffee while doing justice by providing coffee to their guests that help

address root causes of migration.

[Continue reading...](#)

An Epiphany Reflection by Gary Love

An Epiphany reflection from Gary Love, participant in the January 2017 Border-to-Border: Coffee, Migration and Faith Delegation

"On January 6, 2017, I was about to lose my mind because I was in the poorest place I'd ever been. I called Sue and told her that I could not bear to spend any more time in that town. And then, during a walk with some friends, we came upon a group of people celebrating Rosca de Reyes—Epiphany. We were welcomed in to celebrate with them, and I soon realized that these people in Salvador Urbina were far-richer than I. That night opened my eyes to a different world. Although I could never remember their names or faces, I will never forget how they treated me and how they welcomed me—a foreigner, a total stranger—into not just their homes, but into their lives. That is one of the most special moments of my life. Thanks for the opportunity!"

In this [brief video](#), Gary and Genaro talk about bringing people together across borders.

2020 was the first year in 17 years that we have not facilitated a Border-to-Border Delegation to Chiapas. If the public health situation makes it possible, we will hold our annual Delegation and share a bit of life and ministry with the farmers of Salvador Urbina in the fall of 2021. [Contact us](#) if you are interested in being on the Interest List for the next delegation.

Love Mercy, Do Justice, Order Coffee

You can continue to [order your coffee online here](#) and help your sisters and brothers during the pandemic. You will receive delicious 100% organic coffee cultivated, roasted, and shipped by the Café Justo cooperative and you will also be helping families affected by COVID-19. To order by mail instead of online, just download [this form](#).

Jubilee House Community – Center for Development in Central America <https://jhc-cdca.org/>



Our Work in Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Americas and Caribbean. In Nicaragua, we work with communities that live under the burden of poverty to enable them to improve the lives of their people and hopefully shed that burden..

The Center for Development in Central America (CDCA) is a project of the Jubilee House Community, Inc., (JHC), which has 501(c)(3) status in the U.S. and International Mission status in Nicaragua. The CDCA's goal is to work in partnership with communities and cooperatives to facilitate empowerment. This enables *them* to find *their own* solutions to the problems *they* identify and connects *them* with resources to solve their problems. The place of the CDCA's staff is not to tell others what to do, but to first listen to the needs and then respond as we are able, in conjunction with the communities and cooperatives

The CDCA's mission is to enable communities to become self-sufficient, sustainable, democratic entities.

In 1994, the CDCA's work began in Ciudad Sandino, the most densely populated city in Nicaragua, and one of the poorest. Ciudad Sandino has long been the dumping ground for refugees from natural disasters and violence. Invited to work with the poor in Ciudad Sandino, the CDCA works in four main areas, integrating appropriate technology into each of them.

These areas are:

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Health Care
- Education

For over 26 years, the CDCA has continued to work with local community leadership, building partnerships, and listening.

The sustainable agriculture and sustainable economic development projects extend across the western side of Nicaragua. The health work focuses primarily on families living within Ciudad Sandino, while also reaching out to include those living in neighboring rural communities. Meanwhile, the educational outreach has extended into the United States, Canada, Northern Ireland, Ireland, and Taiwan, as well as being open and eager to becoming more global.

The CDCA works to connect Nicaraguans with others from around the world who have access to all types of resources. Financial resources, professional expertise, time & energy, creative problem-solving, and physical assistance are all needed. Please help.

Interfaith Power & Light

<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

<http://www.scipl.org/>



It's a new year and a new opportunity to tap into the sun's power for your



congregation's energy needs! Whether you are a clergy leader, facilities manager, or an active congregant, join us on February 23 at 10am Pacific/1pm Eastern for a webinar to learn how to make solar power possible for your house of worship.

Interfaith Power & Light National is pleased to be working with California Interfaith Power & Light to offer this exciting webinar nationwide because the resources highlighted will be applicable to any state. California IPL has partnered with CollectiveSun, a company that helps nonprofits fund solar projects across the country, while reducing the costs by at least 12 percent. They have a particular expertise for assisting congregations with implementing their solar dreams. Of the more than 140-plus solar projects CollectiveSun has completed in the past four years, 64 of them have been with houses of worship, in 19 states. Representatives from two of those congregations – one in California and one in Massachusetts - will be on the webinar to share their experiences.

[Register here](#) for the webinar.

Houses of worship provide hope, healing and moral leadership for their communities. Installing renewable energy is a way to put our values into practice, and offer a visible sign of our commitment to protect our climate, while providing financial savings that can be used for vital ministries.

On the February 23rd webinar, you will hear about solar financing options, project management "best practices", and ways to make your solar journey go smoothly. CIPL and its member congregations have been on the forefront of solar energy adoption for two decades and we can learn from their experience.

[Join us on February 23rd, and become part of the faith solar conversion. Register today!](#)



Stand With Us We believe that caring for the Earth is an important moral responsibility. Faith communities have long utilized public declarations of faith, which solidify common values, and unite congregations around shared commitments. Signing the Earth Care Covenant allows congregations to unite behind a common commitment, and make environmental stewardship a public proclamation.

Is your congregation, group or committee ready to take Earth Care seriously? Check out SCIPL's Earth Care Covenant for Congregations. Whether you are part of a faith community or not, we invite you to sign our Earth Care Covenant for Individuals and consider getting involved in our work for environmental justice.

[Sign the Earth Care Covenant](#)

South Carolina Christian Action Council - <https://www.sccouncil.net/>

The mission of the South Carolina Christian Action Council (SCCAC) is:

- To promote and facilitate dialogue among diverse Christian traditions on matters of belief and practice; and
- To work in partnership to:

Advocate for social justice,
Promote peace-making, and
Foster racial and cultural healing and reconciliation.

Because we believe:

- That God is Lord over individuals, the structures of society, and all of creation. That Lordship includes our personal and community life, our institutions, our moral and ethical decisions, and our stewardship of the environment.
- That the Gospel of Jesus Christ has both personal and social dimensions. Christians are called to be partners with God in those personal and social dimensions, making life full and free for all people.
- That Christ's Church is one body. Christian denominations, congregations, and individuals must work together if we are to accomplish God's mission.

Our compelling vision:

South Carolina as a community where people of faith unite to glorify God through worship, social justice, peace, and mercy.

A close look at our Earth! <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

The latest from NASA's Earth Observatory (9 February 2021)

* Help Us Choose the Best Photos

More than 1,000 astronaut photos have been published on EO. Help us choose the best in our archives for inclusion in this year's Tournament Earth.

<https://go.nasa.gov/36YDaSV>

Latest Images:

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/topic/image-of-the-day>

* Bolts of Blue

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147900/bolts-of-blue/?src=eo-iotd>

* Trading Surfboards for Snowboards

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147895/trading-surfboards-for-snowboards/?src=eo-iotd>

* Falling for Fallstreaks

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147886/falling-for-fallstreaks/?src=eo-iotd>

* Gold Rush in the Peruvian Amazon

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147891/gold-rush-in-the-peruvian-amazon/?src=eo-iotd>

* A Mosaic of Fire Data

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147872/a-mosaic-of-fire-data/?src=eo-iotd>

* Smoking Sugar Fields in South Florida

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147881/smoking-sugar-fields-in-south-florida/?src=eo-iotd>

* Snowmelt Timing Near the Great Salt Lake

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/147877/snowmelt-timing-near-the-great-salt-lake/?src=eo-iotd>

[NASA Kids' Club | NASA](https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html)

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<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>



<https://www.nature.org>



You Can Trust the Conservancy!

Do you know your own impact on the planet? Calculate your own carbon footprint to find out—you might be surprised by the result!

https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/carbon-footprint-calculator/?src=s_fbo.gd.x.x.&sf137634697=1

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<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/south-carolina/>

Here’s the thing: without strong advocates like you, the future is uncertain for the treasured places you care about, the water you drink and the air you breathe. But when we come together to raise our voices in support of conserving land and protecting natural resources, we can *choose a better path forward*.

Again and again, we’ve demonstrated the power we have in numbers. Together, let’s [send the undeniable message to our leaders that nature must be protected](#).

Learn. Share. Vote. [Pledge to Speak Up for Nature now](#).

[SIGN THE PLEDGE »](#)

<http://justiceunbound.org/>



[SETTING THE INNER COMPASS- January 2021](#)

January 25, 2021

by [Dave Brown](#)

Reading poetry is one of the ways some of us nourish our faith, a way we set or reset our inner compass and stay focused on the big picture, on the spiritual journey. I know that is true for me.

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[Take Another Route Home](#)

January 23, 2021January 29, 2021

by [Sarah Leer](#)

We are now a few weeks past the violent insurrection and attempted coup at the U.S. Capitol. If you are like me, your social media and text messages started pinging early in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Around

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[Unsettled by the Truth](#)

February 3, 2021February 4, 2021

[Racial Justice](#)

by [Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz](#)

Like millions of Americans who paid attention in seventh-grade Social Studies class, I was acculturated to believe that I descend from God-fearing people who came to the United States to live in an environment of religious tolerance and healthy capitalism. In the mid-19th century, my great-great-grandparents moved from eastern Germany (then Pomerania) to present-day Romania/Moldova (then Bessarabia, or Southern Russia) to establish communities for German Baptists who were personae non gratae in their homelands. (For reasons that are still unclear to me, many German Baptists were considered dangerously radical at that time.) About fifty years later, my great-grandfather Thomas Lutz and his entire clan moved from Catalui,

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[The Cost of Reconciliation: A Message for White Christians](#)

January 28, 2021February 3, 2021

by [Ryan Wallace](#)

Reconciliation is at the heart of the Gospel—a core value and a central commandment we find woven throughout our sacred texts as Christians. The stories of Ishmael, Esau, Joseph, and other spiritual ancestors set the pace, and Jesus makes reconciliation central to the message of the Gospel. Jesus embodied reconciliation by bringing the good news to Jews and Gentiles alike, and he taught us to seek reconciliation with our siblings first before we offer our worship to God (Matthew 5:23-24). In his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul famously wrote: “There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free;

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National Audubon Society (<http://www.audubon.org/>)

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Audubon Society of South Carolina (<http://sc.audubon.org/>)

If you are stuck indoors and need a birdy-distraction, [For the Love of Birds](#) is a beautiful page filled with Audubon South Carolina’s favorite bird photos, videos, and stories!

[You are what hope looks like to a bird.](#)

[Audubon members protect birds. Join today](#)

- Help power unparalleled conservation work for birds across the Americas
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Where Your Voice is Needed

- [Defend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#)
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More Ways to Help

- [Give to Audubon](#)
- [Become a Bird Advocate](#)
- [Find an Audubon Near You](#)

- [Make Your Home Bird-Friendly](#)
- [Plant Native Plants](#)

<https://www.audubon.org/get-outside/activities/audubon-for-kids>

In many ways every child is born a scientist—exploring their world, leading small experiments, asking questions, searching for answers. That innate curiosity and drive to inquiry is what Rachel Carson, the groundbreaking conservationist and author, called a sense of wonder. “A child’s world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement,” she wrote. “It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood.”

Do you love animals, including wildlife? Then you just might want to get to know the wildlife you probably see every day: birds. There are many special things about birds. For one, they have feathers. No other animal has them. Birds come in an amazing variety of colors and sizes. That’s another special thing about birds—diversity.

How do you describe a bird? You may describe its colors and color pattern, the size and shape of the beak, or what its legs and feet look like. These are called field marks. Field marks are clues that people use to help them identify a bird. When you become comfortable recognizing field mark clues, you can begin to identify specific kinds of birds. So, grab a field guide or open an app, or go outside if you can. When you spot a bird, take a closer look.

The *National Wildlife Federation*

Through our hands-on programs, policy work, community outreach, and more, we forge a conservation army of millions of people that work each day to build a better future for both people and wildlife—because in saving wildlife, we save ourselves. <https://www.nwf.org/>

<https://blog.nwf.org/topics/wildlife-facts/>

<https://blog.nwf.org/topics/conservation/>

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<https://blog.nwf.org/2020/07/the-links-incorporated-and-garden-for-wildlife-support-stem-education-for-black-and-other-minority-youth/>

<https://www.nwf.org/en/Kids-and-Family/Connecting-Kids-and-Nature>

Green Hour Program

The National Wildlife Federation's Green Hour program is designed to encourage, parents, schools, childcare centers, park agencies, camps, grandparents, and others to adopt a goal of an hour per day of time for children to play and learn outdoors in nature.

The idea of a "green" hour comes from research on creative play and health by the Centers for Disease Control and the Academy of America Pediatrics. Research also shows the best way to connect young people to a lifelong concern for nature, wildlife, and the outdoors is through regular positive experiences.

Older Green Hour program resources:

- Parent and caregiver support—[Green Hour Tips and Resources](#)
- Greener childcare centers—[ECHO program](#) and [Nature Play Space Guidelines](#)
- Park agencies—[National Recreation Park Association partnership](#)
- Nature time with Ranger Rick—[Ranger Rick's Kids Support](#)
- Kids Hook on Fishing—[Guide to a Great Fishing Experiences](#)
- [Educator tools](#) and [programs](#)

Resources and Opportunities

Online accessibility to locate trails, parks, recreational facilities, farmers markets:

[//letsgosc.org](http://letsgosc.org)

Want to find local produce and free range beef and chicken products, check out the website:

<http://www.certifiedscgrown.com/>.

<http://www.certifiedscgrown.com/where-to-buy-local/certified-markets/>

This website allows a search by SC county and type of products, other options as well. The Certified South Carolina program is an exciting cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) to brand and promote South Carolina products. Our goal is for consumers to be able to easily identify, find and buy South Carolina products.

Join in on Facebook:

God has provided us with a vibrant world in which to live. He wants us to appreciate and take care of His Creation, which includes each of us as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/Stewardship-of-Creation-Foothills-Presbytery-SC-138564229544090/>



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