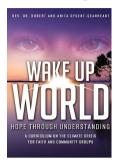
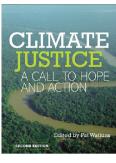


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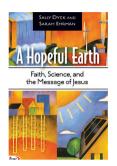
## NC Conference Media Center Resources

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Wake Up World: Hope Through Understanding: A Curriculum on the Climate Crisis for Faith and Community Groups by Robert and Anita Dygert-Gearheart. The clear writing and carefully selected, short videos provide a comprehensive basic understanding of our climate crisis that will engage participants in individual and collective action.

Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action edited by Pat Watkins. The study will challenge you to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today—and understand the urgency of these changes. Youth & children's versions are also available.

Serving God, Saving the Planet: A Call to Care for Creation and Your Soul (DVD) by Matthew Sleeth. Simple, everyday ways to focus on stewardship and sustainability according to Scripture.

## <u>Upcoming Events</u>

nccumc.org/events

- Apr 3-24: Creation Care Bible Study (Online)
- Apr 12-14: Kaleidoscope, Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe, NC
- Apr 14: Cross and Key Prison Ministries Workshops, St. Luke's UMC, Sanford, NC
- Apr 18: String of Prayers: Contemplating Protestant Prayer Beads (Online)
- Apr 21: Walk for Environmental Justice, University UMC, Chapel Hill, NC
- Apr 23-May 3: General Conference, Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC

A Hopeful Earth: Faith, Science, and the Message of Jesus by Sally Dyck and Sarah Ehrman. Bridges the gap between Jesus and the environment and guides readers in understanding that living as good stewards of God's creation is a significant component of what it means to follow Jesus. Leader guide also available.

**Green Church: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice!** by Rebekah Simon-Peter. Citing Scripture and science, the author weaves in personal stories of Sabbath, gardening, recycling, camping, and the power of faith. A children's version is also available.

Climate Hero Handbook: How Kids Can Defend, Protect, and Restore the Planet by Jennifer Manley Rogers and Jessica Gamaché. Fostering wonder and respect for the planet and all interconnected living things, this book shows children, ages 9 to 13, how to engage in nature and play a vital role in caring for the

## **Upcoming Grant Opportunities**

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- Applications due Apr 15: Global Youth Service Fund (Discipleship Ministries)
- Applications due Apr 15: Grants for Ministries with Young People (Discipleship Ministries)
- Applications due Apr 16: The Gary Wayne Locklear Mission Endowment (NC Conference)
- Applications due Apr 19: Congregations for Children Grants (NC Conference)
- Applications due May 1: Local Church Creation Care Grants (NC Conference Creation Care Committee)



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United Methodists from all over the world are traveling to attend General Conference in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3, 2024.

You are invited to serve as part of our Welcome Team during General Conference and offer gracious hospitality to our guests. We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and create a holy space where spirits can be nurtured. This will foster a welcoming environment and support delegates as they come together in worship, discernment, and holy conferencing on behalf of The United Methodist Church.

Serving at General Conference, you will have the opportunity to participate in the connectional nature of the church, to meet new people, and to live into your commitment to support The UMC with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

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# **Creation Care**

### nccumc.org/creation

The Creation Care Committee of the NC Conference offers resources and opportunities for local churches. These include:

- · Local church grants
- · Green Church Initiative
- Regenerative Agriculture Toolkit
- Season of Creation events each September
- Monthly online book discussion
- Archived webinars
- List of online resources

Rev. Jarrod Davis serves as the Creation Ministries Coordinator for the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences.



## umcreationjustice.org

This website hub was created to build connections within and partnerships outside The United Methodist Church, to facilitate communication for the sharing of best practices and resources, to increase power through collaborative action, and ultimately to grow the number and impact of Christians engaged in ministries of creation care, renewal, and justice.