



## **EARTH CARE @LEWINSVILLE**

### **LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS CERTIFIED AS A PC(USA) EARTH CARE CONGREGATION**

God calls us to respect and care for his creation and Lewinsville Presbyterian Church has made an important step in recognizing that charge. After months of planning and preparation, LPC submitted an application for certification by the PC(USA) as an Earth Care Congregation. On February 27 we received notification that our application has been accepted.

Our church has taken many actions over the years which prepared the way for reaching this milestone. Becoming an Earth Care Congregation formalizes our commitment to earth care and will help us continue on this path, being mindful of God's creation in every decision we make and action we take. The program requires recertification each calendar year. Watch for news of earth care activities in the coming months as we move into being an Earth Care Congregation.

PC(USA) issued the following press release describing the Earth Care Congregations program and honoring LPC's achievement:

[McLean, VA] – Lewinsville Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2020. This honor speaks to the great commitment that Lewinsville Presbyterian Church has to caring for God's earth.

To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all facets of its church life and completed projects and activities in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

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.

Started in 2010 by PC(USA) Environmental Ministries, 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.

"It is exciting that Lewinsville Presbyterian Church is one of the 230 churches that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. The congregation's

activities and commitment 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.).

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