

## WHAT IS A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GREEN TEAM?



# JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Creation care, eco-ministries, creation justice... any name given to our church team ministries which promote environmentally-friendly, sustainable community and church services.

## WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

A church team which helps in starting up projects like solar energy, food pantries, community gardens, EV charging, re-wilding church land, energy efficiencies, composting program, divesting from fossil fuel funds - some of many options.

## WHY IS A GREEN TEAM IMPORTANT?

...we are called to practice responsible stewardship and to live in right relationship with the Creator and with the whole of God's creation (Gen. 1:26-31; Matt. 6:26-30; Rom. 8:22-24). We are also called to honor the role of every part of creation in healing the whole; thus we praise God with the whole of creation (Ps. 148)

-- UMC Social Principles, 2024



# How to start a UMC Green Team



“God promises no harm, and as people who follow the ways of God, we too are committed to do no harm to any part of God’s creation.”(1)

## Reduce

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by divesting fossil fuel funds
- Go solar
- Maintain purposeful lawns only, drip irrigation for native plants
- Do an energy audit for efficiency



## Reuse

- Start green projects such as food ministries with a community composting service
- Fundraise for those in need with an all-church rummage sale
- Recycle items wherever possible.

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## Teamwork

- Use your church’s collaborative talents to pick your own projects! Need ideas?



(1) Council of Bishops,  
United Methodist Church,  
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