

PCC Creation Justice Team 2018 Annual Report

Hosted PCC Annual Meeting 2017 workshop on “Natural Gas Pipelines: How Are All Connected” as well as a display table.

Attended our UCC General Synod in Baltimore (7 team members) and one attended the UCC Climate Justice Council Pre-synod retreat.

Followed local and national campaigns:

[Lancaster Against Pipelines](#): Protesting the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline set to run through the state including Lebanon and Lancaster counties.

[Our Children’s Trust](#) – Lawsuit brought by 21 youth against the federal government over climate change. Also state and global initiatives.

[All Hands on Deck: Going to Zero Campaign](#): Encouraging PA educational institutions as well as govt. and civic organizations to develop strategies to achieve net Zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Wrote and encouraged other writers for Articles in [PCC Weekly eNews](#) on creation care themes:

General Synod Resolution passed by 97% of the national delegates titled “The Earth Is the Lord’s – Not Ours to Wreck – Imperatives for a New Moral Era” lifts up the urgency of caring for God’s endangered creation. As we attend to sustaining creation, let’s keep in mind the Christian conviction that God sustains the creation. Far from meaning that we don’t need to be concerned about the present crisis, this means that when we wreck the earth we are working directly against God’s work, which includes sustaining creation. Questions we need to ask ourselves might include:

- **Has our lack of faith that God will sustain us by providing what we really need, led us into consumerism?**
- **How can we open our eyes to ways in which advertising entices us?**
- **Could reliance on God’s sustaining work help us to more joy in working for our environment?**
- **Might it protect us from anxiety and discouragement?**

Written by Rev. Bill Rader

Topics of other eNews articles:

- Planting a Church Yard Sign for the Paris Accord
- The importance of Preaching and Teaching on creation care, climate change truth and the moral imperative for people of faith to engage and act.... with resources.
- Heat Pumps/Geo Thermal heating possibilities for churches and homes – 2 articles
- Geo-Thermal heating installed at St. Paul's, Stoverstown
- Climate Heroes at Penbrook, Harrisburg

Participated (four team members) in monthly phone conferences with Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, our UCC Minister of Environmental Justice and the UCC Creation Justice Council, to learn about initiatives in other conferences and info on National groups i.e.: Sierra Club, 350.org, Poor People's Campaign. Tom Hocking, our primary liaison to UCC Creation Justice Council, authors [The Pollinator](#) Facebook page twice a week (Tues/Thurs).

Assisted with York Association's third annual "Go Green Sunday" a fun free family event that includes a recycled art contest, talks with a bee keeper and an expert in native plants, crafts and games made from recycled materials and toys run on solar power, calculating a carbon footprint and a water footprint, getting up close to an all-electric car and a free shredder truck for on-site shredding.

Promoted an e-News "Creation Justice Survey" seeking to discover our PCC churches which have taken part in the following creation care actions with 31 replies and the following results:

- Install a heat pump, geothermal heat or solar panels – 3 PCC churches
- Plant a community garden – 10 PCC churches
- Divest their investments from fossil fuels – 1 PCC church
- Have in place a Team, task force or committee that works on creation care/environmental issues – 6 PCC churches
- Switch to renewable energy sources for the church's electricity generation like Ethical Electric, Arcadia Power etc. – 2 PCC churches
- Recycle – 23 PCC churches

Members of the Team:

Wendy Anderson
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 And many supportive Creation Justice minded friends