

Creation Justice (Earth Stewardship) Covenant
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Eugene, believe that:

Holy Scripture calls us to care for creation. In Genesis the first job that God gives to humans is to care for God's creation (Genesis 2:15). It is our covenant with God and essential in our partnership with the Divine.

Caring for creation is a matter of economic and social justice. Lack of financial resources and physical or mental health challenges affect the ability to adapt to changing weather patterns, rising sea levels, access to food and water and so much more.

If we and others don't act now, we won't have a home as we know it. Addressing climate change is essential for future generations.

Everyone needs to be involved in addressing climate change. As individuals and as a congregation, we can have an impact.

First Congregational Church Eugene covenants to:

- Communicate through our actions and ministry that we cherish the restoration and renewal of creation
- Educate the children and adults in our congregation on critical issues related to healing and preserving the environment and the impact on all Creation
- Support public policies, regulations, laws, and funding that benefit the environment and protect vulnerable communities
- Participate through advocacy and action in initiatives to address local and global threats to our environment including partnering with environmental justice allies in the wider community
- Reduce our church's impact on our natural world by decreasing our use of fossil fuels, reducing our use of disposable materials, recycling, ensuring the products we use in our church and on our grounds are earth-friendly, and continually reviewing our practices to ensure we are acting sustainably in all we do.

With God's help, we will do our best to fulfill these commitments, as individuals and as a congregation.