



*Living God's Word,
Sharing God's Love*

DETAILED MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Earth Advocacy Team Leader

Adult Ministries Vision

Our Vision is to help the congregation engage in ongoing creation care, advocacy, and stewardship. We seek to

- Educate the congregation about earth advocacy and creation care.
- Protect the earth and its resources by mindful consideration of what we buy, use, and throw away as individuals and as a church congregation.
- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle at church, home and in our community minimizing our carbon footprint and preserving the earth for future generations.

Title

Earth Advocacy Team Leader

Purpose

The Earth Advocacy Team supports ongoing efforts to be good stewards of the earth and its abundant resources God provided through creation.

Responsible to

Nurture Team Leader

Description of duties

- This leader will coordinate the planning and implementation of congregational and community action to care for the Earth and renew resources.
- This leader will promote understanding of the theological and biblical foundations for environmental awareness and Christian responsibility for Earth stewardship.
- This leader will work with others to provide opportunities for people in the congregation and community to learn about issues and actions that have an impact on the health and future of the planet.
- This leader may plan events to support Earth Advocacy that may include celebration of annual Earth Day, Arbor Day, and/or other efforts for local and community environmental awareness.
- This leader will collaborate with organizations, people, and resources in and beyond the congregation that are concerned with environmental issues.
- This leader in conjunction with the Earth Advocacy Team will work to identify areas where Lexington United Methodist Church can promote earth stewardship and minimize our “footprint” on the earth.

Budget Requirements

Budgetary impact may require <\$100 - \$500 for training, videos, recycling containers.

Annual Charge Conference Attendance

The annual Charge Conference meeting is an important connectional meeting between our church and the conference. Any reports/information should be given to the Nurture Team Leader in advance to ensure it is incorporated into his/her report at Charge Conference.

Time requirements

The time required depends on the number and complexity of projects/events planned. These projects will be determined by the team. Duties can be divided among several team members. Time commitment- with meetings, training, projects, and community events - could average from 5-10 hours per quarter.

Term

The earth advocacy team leader should commit to serving for one year; he or she may volunteer to serve for additional one-year terms thereafter.

Training and resources

- *Care of Creation: Christian Voices on God, Humanity, and the Environment* by Joseph Coleson (Fishers, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2010)
- Creation Justice Ministries, www.creationjustice.org
- Earth Day Sunday, www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday-in-your-church.html
- *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation* by Sam Hamilton-Poore (Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2008)
- Earth Ministry Website, <http://earthministry.org>
- Eco-Justice Ministries Website, www.eco-justice.org
- Evangelical Environmental Network, <https://creationcare.org/>
- General Board of Church and Society, www.umc-gbcs.org

Background Check

Background check is not required.

Ministry Description Updates

It is your responsibility to review this ministry description at least once each year for changes and updates. The Leader Orientation Meeting that is held in January is a good time to do this.

Qualifications, skills, and gifts

- A Biblical understanding of creation.
- A concern/conviction for earth stewardship.
- Willingness to work in the community.
- Strong communication skills.
- Ability to lead and work diligently with other volunteers and committee members.
- Possess one more of the following spiritual gifts:
 - Administration (D)
 - Leadership (R)
 - Help/Service (R)

- Teaching (D)

* R - Required; D - Desirable

Benefits to the Servant

Increased congregational awareness of Earth Advocacy.

Increased community contacts and relationships in this area of interest.

Sense of worth and gratification from involvement.

Ability to serve God and the community.

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