



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

## DETAILED MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

*Earth Advocacy Team Member*

### ***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 Member

### ***Purpose***

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

### ***Responsible to***

Earth Advocacy Team Leader

### ***Description of duties***

- Member will assist in the planning and implementation of congregational and community action to care for the Earth and renew resources.
- Member will promote understanding of the theological and biblical foundations for environmental awareness and Christian responsibility for Earth stewardship.
- Member 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.
- Member may assist in planning 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.
- Member will connect with organizations, people, and resources in and beyond the congregation that are concerned with environmental issues.

- Member 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. For information and in support of your church and this ministry you should make every effort to attend this meeting.

### ***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](http://www.creationjustice.org)
- Earth Day Sunday, [www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday-in-your-church.html](http://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](http://www.eco-justice.org)
- Evangelical Environmental Network, <https://creationcare.org/>
- General Board of Church and Society, [www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org)

### ***Background Check***

Not required unless working with children, youth or vulnerable adults.

### ***Ministry Description Updates***

It is your responsibility to review this ministry description at least once each year. You should work with the Earth Advocacy Team Leader to incorporate any changes and updates.

### ***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 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***

- Service to God, church, and community
- Preservation of the earth for future generations

### ***Job Description developed from:***

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