

## Virtual, Evolving and Alternative Ministries

[www.unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare](http://www.unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare)

The Unity EarthCare Ministry has always offered a flexible program that is available to spiritual centers regardless of whether or not they own their own facility, or want to substitute activities through the *Path to EarthCare and EarthCare Program*. We also have provided a variety of ministerial services and support documents.

However, in light of the trend towards more congregations meeting virtually, as well as alternative (non-pulpit) ministries, we are or will be adding additional resources in support of them. In addition, we plan to expand the EarthCare program to enable Evolving Ministries (those that have not been approved as Unity congregations) to allow them participation in EarthCare. Regardless of the type of ministry, an ecological focus can grow it by providing a measurable, meaningful purpose that is socially responsible and morally fulfilling.

Here is a summary of EarthCare's services and support documentation:

### EarthCare Ministry Services

#### Existing

- Facebook Page. Beth Remmes, Moderator; [bremmes@hotmail.com](mailto:bremmes@hotmail.com).  
<https://www.facebook.com/UnityEarthCare>
- Mentoring Calls. David Cordova, Facilitator. Second Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. (CT). [davecordova@msn.com](mailto:davecordova@msn.com).
- EarthCare Connections Newsletter, Mike McCord, Editor
- One-on-one coaching on request, either at the general contact email address or by your regional coordinator (see below).
- Active Hope: Resilience & Possibility in These Times: Summon our collective regenerative power and access your ability to wisely navigate the turmoil of these times. 1.5 hr. workshop. Beth Remmes, Moderator. Contact: [beth@earthspiritaction.com](mailto:beth@earthspiritaction.com), or visit <https://earthspiritaction.com/>
- One-on-One Sacred Activism Coaching. Schedule your complementary Discovery Session with Cylvia at [www.cylviahayes.net](http://www.cylviahayes.net).
- Periodic Forums and Workshops.

#### Recently Added

- U-Tube Channel. Mary Gerken, Administrator. New video links are being added continuously. Please check it out and provide us your feedback.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4iYARFqsqLhuodoDC52R5Q/playlists>

### Coming Soon

- More Facebook Live events.
- Video Links to sample sermons and timely environmental topics that are useful to all types of congregations and their Green Teams.
- New and substantially expanded EarthCare Website.

### Support Documents

Currently there are 29 support documents on Facebook under the Google Documents link. In addition, here are some additional documents in support of virtual, evolving or alternative ministries:

- Get involved in eco-causes such as Interfaith Power and Light of Interfaith Power & Light (<https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>), the Sunrise Movement (<https://www.sunrisemovement.org/?ms=SunriseMovement>), or "Last Straw, Young Voices for the planet", <https://www.youngvoicesfortheplanet.com/get-involved1/>.
- Advocate for Environmental and social justice issues. For more information, go to: [https://www.google.com/search?q=Environmental+and+Social+Issue+Organizations&rlz=1C1SFXN\\_enUS499US516&oq=Environmental+and+Social+Issue+Organizations&aqs=chrome..69i57j0i333l2.12076j1j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=Environmental+and+Social+Issue+Organizations&rlz=1C1SFXN_enUS499US516&oq=Environmental+and+Social+Issue+Organizations&aqs=chrome..69i57j0i333l2.12076j1j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)
- Offer classes promoting the environment or educating congregants regarding sustainability issues.
- Use the Co2 emissions fact sheet website, <http://css.umich.edu/factsheets/carbon-footprint-factsheet>, and/or the document on the website entitled *Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Saved Annually per Average Household*, calculate the eco savings congregations are saving by having a virtual ministry.
- Start a Zoom environmental book club.
- Invite congregants to watch eco-documentaries on Discovery or Netflix, then have a zoom meeting to discuss.
- Have a monthly outdoor nature activity.
- Have a zoom meeting and invite all congregants to refresh understanding of the basic rules of recycling and to make sure we have resources for recycling.
- Concentrate on issues outside of the church. Participate in activities created by local environmental organizations or participate in activities sponsored by the national or state chapters of Interfaith Power & Light.
- Team up with other Unity churches in the metro area to sponsor projects.
- Healthy eating is a topic that many people might be interested in. Develop a Healthy Eating education program.
- Start a community garden or a food for the homeless drive.

Questions or comments? Please contact:

General

[earthcare@unity.org](mailto:earthcare@unity.org)

Region

Contact

Email Address

Canada

Mike McCord

[michael\\_mccord@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michael_mccord@sbcglobal.net)

Eastern

Martha Powers, Unity on  
Cape Cod, MA,  
or Mary Gerken

[mpowers7@gmail.com](mailto:mpowers7@gmail.com)

Great Lakes

Kathy Harwood Long, Friends  
of Unity, Plymouth, MI

[kathyharwoodlong@gmail.com](mailto:kathyharwoodlong@gmail.com)

Northwest

Cylvia Hayes, Unity Community  
of Central OR,

[agreatpickle@gmail.com](mailto:agreatpickle@gmail.com)

West Central

Mary Gerken

[cylvia@3estrategies.org](mailto:cylvia@3estrategies.org)

Pacific Rim

Cylvia Hayes, Unity Community  
of Central OR,

[agreatpickle@gmail.com](mailto:agreatpickle@gmail.com)

[cylvia@3estrategies.org](mailto:cylvia@3estrategies.org)

South Central

Mike McCord, Unity Church  
of Overland Park, KS,

[michael\\_mccord@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michael_mccord@sbcglobal.net)

South East

Beth Remmes, Unity Atlanta  
Church,

[bremmes@hotmail.com](mailto:bremmes@hotmail.com)

South West

David Cordova, Unity Church  
of San Antonio, TX,

[davecordova@msn.com](mailto:davecordova@msn.com)