

Commissioned to Serve

Earthkeepers will be commissioned by Global Ministries for service in their communities.

Local churches will benefit from having Earthkeepers that are trained and equipped to provide leadership in their community and articulate a theology of creation care.

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Earthkeepers



Called by God to Care for
Creation

A Program of Global Ministries



Are you called?

Is God calling you to a vocation of caring for God's creation? Would you like to be one of five hundred Earthkeepers working to create a more just and sustainable world? Earthkeepers work within their U.S. communities:

Lifting up the importance of caring for God's creation at the heart of our Christian faith

Responding creatively to climate change and other environmental challenges

Working for justice so that all communities have access to clean water, clean air, clean energy, fresh food, and green space.



East Capitol Urban Farm

Who are Earthkeepers?

Earthkeepers are United Methodists who are keenly aware of the ecological challenges in our world today and feel called to be part of a movement to transform the world.

Earthkeepers work with their congregations and communities in many different ways; creating community gardens in urban "food deserts," advocating for renewable energy policies, or working for environmental justice by cleaning up toxic waste sites near their communities. They may do all these things and more!

Earthkeepers are laity and clergy, students, part-time and full-time workers, and retirees. They may have a vocation that allows them to focus on caring for creation during their regular work hours, or they may choose to volunteer their time.

Expectations

- Earthkeepers participate in four days of intensive training in theology and community organizing.
- Earthkeepers help others understand how caring for God's creation is a core part of our identity as Christians.

- Earthkeepers commit to 10 hours per month providing leadership for a community project or advocacy campaign that aims to transform our relationship to God, the earth, and one another.
- Earthkeepers meet quarterly with a regional cohort for worship and ongoing support and training.

Interested?

Global Ministries is recruiting the first cohorts of Earthkeepers. Training is scheduled for November 15-20, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia.

We hope to establish cohorts during the first year in the following Annual Conferences: Minnesota, Northern Illinois, West Ohio, East Ohio, Baltimore-Washington, Virginia, Tennessee, Memphis, Holston, North Georgia, and South Georgia.

For an application, please send an email to Rev. Pat Watkins: pwatkins@umcmmission.org. Applications are due June 30, 2016.