



Earth Day 2021: Opportunities for Local Engagement

Hope for Creation invites congregations and faith-based organizations to join us in commemorating Earth Day 2021. Here are 9 ways people of faith can get involved:

- 1. Make Earth Day the focus of a worship service in April, through your sermon topic, music, prayer, activities, announcements and/or discussion**
(email the details to hopeforcreationswmi@gmail.com so we can lift up your congregation's efforts)
- 2. Include the 2021 theme of [Faith Climate Action Week, April 16-25](#): "Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between Our Faith, Our Food, and the Climate"**
- 3. View Hope for Creation's 2021 Earth Week service, "Honoring Earth and Celebrating Soil," available on [Hope for Creation's YouTube channel](#) in April**
- 4. Spread the word about the City of Kalamazoo's new pilot program to recycle polystyrene, with a first drop-off date of Saturday, April 24**
(Hope for Creation is providing volunteers to sort and bag at the drop-off site)
- 5. Attend the Parchment Community Library program, [Faith Perspectives on Climate Change](#), on Tuesday, April 20 at 7 PM**
(view clergy videos in advance, available with registration link on the webpage)
- 6. Enter submissions by April 14 for the 2021 [Westminster Art Festival](#)'s juried exhibit of visual arts and poetry, with an environmental theme exploring the role of weather, seasons, climate, and climate change in our lives and in our interconnected world.**
- 7. Join other local congregations installing electric-vehicle charging stations through a consortium organized by Hope for Creation (learn more from this [Green Team presentation](#))**
- 8. Participate in [Earth Day Kalamazoo 2021](#), whose theme is local sustainability efforts and resources, featuring videos in a virtual festival style**
- 9. Visit the [Michigan's website for Earth Day 2021](#), where the theme is "Restore Our Earth"**

Hope for Creation, a grassroots inter-religious group working to encourage and support faith-based action on climate change and environmental justice in greater Kalamazoo, invites you to join us! Becoming part of Hope for Creation (the Southwest Michigan Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power & Light) connects your congregation with others across the region and is a symbol of your congregation's commitment to Earth stewardship and climate action.

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