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Progressive Oklahoma Baptist State Convention



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Society of Friends



United Church of Christ



United Methodist



March 22, 2016

Dear Friends,

We encourage worship service participation by all our member churches and houses of worship in activities commemorating "Earth Day" which is officially Friday, April 22, and that weekend: Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24.

As people of faith, we believe that we are created by God both to enjoy and to protect God's good earth and the abundant life that dwells with us on earth.

There is little doubt today that earth and nature both are giving us a multitude of signals that our care and stewardship are needed to protect the natural systems upon which we all depend.

We have attached some suggestions for use in Earth Day worship services. Of course, whatever your community decides to do, or to read, should be of your own choice. The attachments are simply suggestions.

You have our prayers that every church, house of worship, and community organization affiliated with the Oklahoma Conference of Churches will know the love of God and the faith that all life matters in the marvelous creation wherein we live.

May all of us answer God's call as stewards and students of creation, to preserve, conserve, and sustain environmental health for ourselves and for all generations to come.

The Rev. Jim Stovall, Chair
OCC Committee on the Environment

Attachments:

- A prayer and a responsive reading
- Theological Statement on the Environment by Oklahoma Conference of Churches, agreed to by the Communion Leaders of all our denominations
- "25 suggestions under \$25" (<http://www.coolcongregations.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/2015-ccc-25-under25Guide.pdf>)

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