

Creation Justice Network Report
Board of General Ministries
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The mission of the Creation Justice Network is to build a movement among Baptists that seeks peace, justice, and reconciliation with all of God's creation with a vision of a just and sustainable future for God's creation.

To help us fulfill this mission, in January, the CJN was awarded a World Relief Committee grant for two years to encourage, equip and help empower ABC regions and local congregations engage in the critical ministry of creation justice (the singular and dual emphasis of ecological care and human justice; two sides of the same coin). We are encouraging local churches to become "Creation Justice Congregations" with a goal of having at least one congregation within every ABC region to become a creation justice church (see the link for details - <https://www.abc-usa.org/creation-justice/creation-justice-congregations/> Please note that we are in the process of updating both the website and slightly modifying the program/brochure). Thus far, we have personally contacted 11 regions and more than 40 pastors from local churches along a couple of "Green Teams" or other local church committees. Many of these churches are already deeply engaged in this essential work and are now reaching out to others in their areas. We are working in partnership with the ecumenical Creation Justice Ministries and the interfaith, Blessed Tomorrow which will provide for us a second "Climate Ambassador Training Program."

The grant calls for a part-time Program Leader and Program Coordinator and currently, I am serving as Co-Interim Program Leader, along with Alan Wedgewood, as we search for a Permanent Program Leader. The Reverend Rebecca Driscoll is serving as Program Coordinator.