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Mission Moment

Today many United Methodist churches will observe the *Festival of God's Creation*, a day to celebrate our loving Creator's gift of our world. We observe this festival on the Sunday closest to Earth Day, April 22nd. Our United Methodist Social Principles remind us that "God has granted us stewardship of creation."

The General Board of Church and Society works year round to keep before us our responsibility to care for creation. The Board points The United Methodist Church toward seeking justice in all ways we live and love the earth and our neighbors. This is accomplished by creating resources for local churches and annual conferences empowering congregations to become more engaged in life practices that respect the created world in which we live.

This is just part of what the *World Service Fund* supports; yet, it is an important facet of us living out our commitment to stewardship and bearing fruit in our witness and service to the world.