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## Report on the UCC Earth Summit

The Keynote Speaker was Katharine Hayhoe who delivered another inspiring address regarding caring for the gift of our “Earth Home.” You may hear her address at this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vaG1j7wLqc>

Katharine asserts that every day is “Earth Day” as we are called to protect and care for this unique gift God has given us for life. We all have a reason to care because it is not just saving the planet, it is saving *us...all of us*. The vast majority of humanity cares about our environment, but don’t know what to do.

Hayhoe shares a practical way to move the issue from *our heads, to our hearts, to our hands*.

She has faith that this is possible because of our loving and caring God who does not give up on creation, but makes new life.

Please listen to her remarkable talk or one of her many videos which are easily accessed. Katharine Hayhoe always delivers practical steps with eternal hope on how to keep earth inhabitable. This is what we need to talk about— it is the most important issue we face. We need to move the process from head to heart to hands!

For the breath of life,  
 The Environmental Justice Team PSEC



## Grow Your Church Board Game

Roll the dice and move about a garden path with your church friends!

This game is designed to get people talking about church vitality through the Marks of Faithful and Vital Local Churches. It will help deepen relationships with each other and with the congregation’s covenantal partners while laughing, thinking creativity and having critical conversations.



This game is for the decision makers and strategic thinkers. It’s for the board room and the dining room table. It’s for the flower arranging committee and the deacons. This game is for people who love their church and want to experience it grow in vitality and faithfulness.

Note: The Conference office has this game and will lend it to your church for a one month period. Picking up the game and returning it to the Conference would be the responsibility of the church. Contact Susan at the Conference office if interested at [susan@psec.org](mailto:susan@psec.org).



## Course: Understanding the Bible as a Progressive Christian

Beginning June 4, this foundational, six-week course works to create a safe space for critical engagement and spiritual transformation. Methods offered in this course give the tools for bridging the gap between church Bible study and formal academic Biblical interpretation.

Objectives pursued include:

the place of the Bible in the UCC

the development of the Bible over time

the methods of studying the Biblical texts to discern meaning and purpose for our own faith lives and for the exercise of our pastoral roles as preachers and teachers

Visit the PATHWAYS website (<https://www.pathwaystheological.org/>) to learn more and to apply for this and other courses.