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## This Earth Day – Let's Celebrate by Planting Trees





The new life that grows and blossoms with the spring amplifies and complements the Eastertide focus on resurrection. In the Bible, trees represent life, healing, and hope. As the book of Psalms begins, trees symbolize hope for the faithful. Those who hold fast to the life of faith "are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither." As Earth Day approaches on April 22nd, members of the UCC are making plans to plant trees in backyards and balcony pots. They are making it possible for trees to be planted in Palestine, Kenya, and Zambia. They are literally restoring life to National Parks that have suffered from forest fires and devastation. Learn now about all the options available for bringing more hope into this world.

Plant Trees of Hope

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During this time in which the healing and rejuvenating power of nature has been experienced by so many on daily walks outside, we also invite you to share a photo of a tree that has been your own source of hope and healing. Perhaps, it is a tree right outside your window. Perhaps, it is a tree down the street or in your local park. Share your photo of it on social media with the hashtag #LoveOfCreation.

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