

Environmental Stewardship Plan

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary is committed to addressing today's many environmental crises and promoting the just and wise care of God's creation. This commitment is rooted in an affirmation of God's love for the world, an embrace of our human vocation to be faithful stewards of the good earth, and an active hope in God's promise to establish justice and righteousness throughout the land. Through the pioneering work of faculty emeritus Rosemary Radford Ruether, Garrett-Evangelical has long been associated with a critical eco-theological perspective, viewing the aims of the environmental movement as inseparable from struggles for racial, gender, and socio-economic justice. In recent years, the seminary joined the Seminary Stewardship Alliance, celebrated the achievement of LEED Gold certification for Loder Hall, and formed an Environmental Stewardship Committee. Even so, in an age of widespread ecological destruction, climate change, and resource depletion, we recognize the urgent importance of building an even stronger culture of ecological sensitivity and sustaining practices in all areas of our seminary life together. Toward that end, Garrett-Evangelical will seek to implement the following short and long term creation care goals:

- I. **Administration:** e.g. Purchasing Policies, Investments, Sustainability Metrics

- II. **Buildings and Grounds:** e.g. Energy, Dining Services, Cleaning Supplies

- III. **Faculty and Curriculum:** e.g. Faculty and Course Development, Certificate Programs

- IV. **Seminary Culture:** e.g. Community Life, Worship, Student Groups, Programming

- V. **Institutional Collaboration:** e.g. MTSO, Northwestern, SSA, Green Seminary Network, Evanston and Chicago Groups