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Greetings!

As the leaves as Walter Scott are nearing the crescendo of their multi-colored symphony, we have welcomed many folks to our facility over the past month. We have been grateful to host returning family reunions, fishing trips, and personal spiritual retreats alongside volunteers on weekends and weekdays. Before all the leaves grace the ground, we will host our friends from DeColores for their two fall retreats, another workday, and a few other scattered guests as we move into a season of rest for the winter.

While winter means less physical activity on the grounds, it does not mean a cessation of caring for this sacred space. While the goats will switch to hay for the winter, we will switch to a greater focus on administration, policy, and outreach efforts. Much like Creation, it is a mistake to assume that during periods of outward dormancy, that nothing is being cultivated. Less exciting but necessary work is what enables the flourishing of spring; rest itself is vital to Creation, and is vital to us as well.

Peace on the Journey,

Resident Minister and Caretaker

Collaboration and Care



Our final workday of the year will take place on November 2 (sign ups are still open!), but fret not if you wish to give back but workdays aren't always aligning with your schedule. Our Adopt-a-Project program might be for you! Reach out to us directly by replying to this email or via your favorite communication method to adopt one of the listed projects. This will allow you to do a project on your schedule, such as:

- Removing invasive woody plants Drywall patching
- Tree trimming Waxing the main floor in the lodge
- Building a storage cabinet Much more!

Check out the full list of current projects waiting to be adopted below.

Adopt-a-Project List

Project Progress



Our new, main building wrap-around ramp has been poured, and backfilling is underway! In the past month, we also have finished repainting the caretaker's residence, power washing the worship platform, replumbing a booster water heater, rewiring an outdoor light fixture to use LED, and more! Walter Scott is a place we care for together. Schedule a visit to come rest in the Creation of which you are a part.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)



We put out our 2025 Youth Summer Camping Promotional Video this past month; it's just under 3 minutes long, check it out for some familiar faces!

Watch on YouTube

Planning Ahead



Mark your calendars for our core youth camps next summer! Registration will be opening Fall of 2024. Stay tuned for more information and potential discounts!

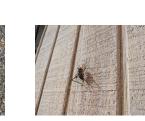
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Caring for Creation



This next section is a recurring article about the theme of Creation Care. Each article is written by a different member of the Disciples diaspora who are linked to Walter Scott. The topics, views, and focuses will vary, but the connection with faith and practice will remain constant.

Working with the Earth By Rev. Amy Johnson

In April of 2023, my son started his journey as a market garden apprentice at Hungry World Farm, a not-for-profit regenerative farm in Tiskilwa, IL. So, when HWF offered a gardening class in mid-April, I took the opportunity to go see my son. I did get to see him, but that class (and the experience on the farm) completely changed my gardening practices. I began working with the Earth, instead of treating it like a commodity.

By 2023, my garden's...

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Quick Creation Care Tip

Fast fashion is a major contributor to climate change. Instead of buying new clothes, consider swapping with friends, repairing your clothes (look up Sashiko for repair as art!), buying second hand, and wearing your garments as long as you can, not just a few times.

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Since you stuck around this long, enjoy the goats. And care gently for God's creation.

