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## Care for Creation – Plant a Tree!

Join with brothers and sisters around the earth to care for God's creation

*The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:12*



### Why trees?!

Planting trees is a sign of hope; makes a difference in caring for the God's creation; and is an investment in a better future.

We can all be good stewards of the earth and help to restore God's good creation. Working together by engaging together in our goals and sharing our inspiring stories is the best way to make a difference.

MWC invites churches to join arms together and collectively help restore the forests that sustain our communities!

### How do I get started?

Tree planting is not hard, but it's worth thinking through a plan to ensure success. With a little care, you should be able to give a good start to your new tree.

- First, decide where you want to plant the tree, and choose a tree that works well in that environment.
- Think of how much sunlight it will get, the soil quality and moisture as you choose a tree.
- Also watch how much room is available for the tree – remember that they will grow!
- Finally, be sure to dig a hole that's big enough (2-3 times bigger than the root ball or container), and amend the soil with organic material if it needs it.

### What do I do once I've planted the tree?

You're not done once it's in the ground!

Make sure to water the tree as it's getting established, especially if it's a dry time of year.

Avoid fertilizing while the tree gets established, but lightly mulching around the tree, keeping the mulch away from the trunk.

### What are some resources if I want to learn more?

- The [JoinTrees project](#) of Mennonite Men helps groups around the world with tree planting, and links contributions with projects. Contact this group if you're interested in their projects, and see their website for resources.

- [One Tree Planted](#) also has general tree planting guidelines that are helpful.
- The Arbor Day Foundation has a lot of experience helping people plant trees – [see their guides](#) for suggestions.

For more on caring for creation, see the [Creation Care Task Force of MWC](#). Watch for their creation care grants program starting in April 2025.