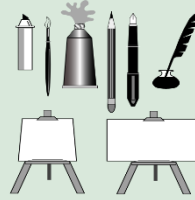


# CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

## ART



## CONTEST

**Purpose:** The Art Contest is an opportunity for interested individuals to display their talents for artistic expression using different forms of media to promote Creation Care in the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Eligibility:** Participants must be current members of a UMC (clergy or laity), or, for children ages 5-17 years of age, must be attending a UMC.

### Rules:

1. Only one submission of artwork per person.
2. Media includes: Pen, pencil, markers, oils, paints, charcoal, watercolors on canvas or paper.
3. Artwork must be related to "Caring for God's Creation."
4. Artwork must be at least 8"x10" but no larger than 18"x24", due to size of display area.
5. Each participant must take a photograph of his/her artwork and submit that photograph for entry and judging via email to [metrocreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:metrocreationcare@gmail.com).
6. Artwork must be an original piece, completed solely by the entrant/participant.

### Categories by Age of Participant:

Category 1: ages 5-11 years

Category 2: ages 12-17 years

Category 3: ages 18 years and above

### All photos of artwork should contain the following information:

1. Name of participant and specific age category.
2. For categories 1 and 2 (minors), artwork must be submitted via email by a parent or guardian, as no contact will be made between contest organizers and a minor child. Parent or guardian should include name and relationship to participant.
3. The name and address of the UMC where participant is a member or, in the case of minor children, is attending, and the Conference where the church is located.
4. A brief explanation of your artwork and how it relates to the theme.

**Judging:** A panel of three judges will review the submissions and award the top three places in each age category, noting their relevance to the theme of "Caring for God's Creation." Once the judging is completed, each placing participant will be notified via email. The top three winning pieces of artwork, or photograph of the artwork (artist's choice), in each category, along with artist's information, will be displayed during the Western NC Annual Conference between June 16-18, 2023, at Lake Junaluska at the WNCC Creation Care Ministry table area.

**ALL ARTWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 5, 2023.**

**Late entries will not be included in the judging.**

**Permissions:** By entering this art competition, you are granting us a non-exclusive perpetual license to reproduce images of your artwork on our website, in our print media, newsletters, exhibits, print collateral, display images, and/or any additional event promotional materials, by the Western NC Conference Creation Care Ministry Team. Each entry may be featured for historical / archival purposes.