

WHO WE ARE:



Starting first as a small community garden and advocacy group, Living Earth Center has grown to become a large network of gardeners, volunteers, and advocates. We strive to find common ground and build resilient community. The core of our community is honoring the interconnection and inherent value that all people and things bring to this living Earth.

In honoring our mission, Living Earth Center is rooted within the same values from which it was originally founded. Formerly Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry (CESRM), the Living Earth Center was founded in 1996 as a sponsored ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. We continue to be an organization of Sisters and community collaborators from all spiritual traditions. We are passionate about ecological solidarity and enhancing right relationships between each other, the local community, and the greater Earth.



STAY CONNECTED:

Check our website for updates about Center activities and Advocacy Action Alerts. We want to be your source for information on legislation and policies that impact our community. Our purpose is to partner with you to ensure our voices are heard on critical issues regarding sustainability, community diversity, resilience, and justice for Earth and all.



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*Honoring the interconnection
of all people and things.*



We seek a sustainable future for all through education, advocacy, and collaborations among all spiritual traditions and diverse cultures.

WHAT WE DO:

In upholding our values, Living Earth Center fulfills its mission by connecting with people and the community in the following ways:



Living Earth Community Garden

Our two-acre garden provides a beautiful organic space where neighbors and family can gather, grow food, and nurture a self-sufficient empowered community. Our 180 plots are shared by a diverse community (we have often been referred to as a *Mini-United Nations*). We are proud to bring immigrants and long-time residents together on common ground.

Education and Spiritual Enrichment Programs and Events

Through our annual Earth Conference and multiple workshops and classes we provide opportunities where minds can be opened, ideas can be shared, and growth can take place. Solstice celebrations are held to honor seasonal transitions with ritual and reflection.



Advocacy and Networking

Seeking systemic change on a local, state, national, and global level, Living Earth Center networks and collaborates with other organizations in solidarity with issues of sustainability and equality. We coordinate an Advocacy Alert Network to inform stakeholders and encourage action. Our goal is to change public policy to reflect a sustainable, equitable future for all.

Earth Education and Resource Center

Living Earth Center provides a lending library of books, videos, and DVD's on subjects ranging from Earth Spirituality to organic gardening and food preservation. Canning and food preservation equipment can also be checked out from the library.

Visit our library at 170 Good Counsel Dr, Mankato, MN

For information on participating in Living Earth Center activities, please visit our website:

www.livingearthcentermn.org/what-we-do/overview.html



Meeting and Gathering Space

Living Earth Center's Community Garden and three-season restored historic barn provides a relaxing space available for meeting, presentations, and workshops. If you are interested in renting the barn space please call 507.389.4272 or email livingearthcenter@ssndcp.org for cost and booking information.



GET INVOLVED:

At Living Earth Center we believe that each person makes a valuable contribution to the world and that systemic change can be traced all the way down to the individual level. Whether you are interested in donating, volunteering, gardening, or learning, you are creating a ripple effect within the local and greater Earth community.

You are invited to become part of Living Earth Center's community! Here are ways to share your unique gifts:

Donate

Living Earth Center is dependent on the generosity of donors who believe in the value that we bring to the community. Every gift, no matter the amount, helps strengthen Living Earth Center's roots so we can grow and flourish.

To make a donation go to:

www.livingearthcentermn.org/get-involved/donate.html or mail check to Living Earth Center, 170 Good Counsel Dr, Mankato, MN 56001

Volunteer

We have a variety of ways you can be involved with activities at Living Earth Center. Examples include, but are not limited to, working in the garden and helping plan upcoming classes or events. We could not operate without our volunteers and are grateful for your contribution. Living Earth Center flourishes with the assistance of committed volunteers who believe in its mission and growth.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit www.livingearthcentermn.org/get-involved/volunteer.html