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***By Courtney Keeter, GWU Public Relations Student***

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University will spotlight the importance of taking care of the planet and observe the international April 22 Earth Day through two days of free events hosted by the GWU Center for Christian Ethics and Social Responsibility.

“God gave us dominion over the Earth, but He never gave us the right to abuse it,” said Dr. Tom LeGrand, the Center’s director. “In fact, it is a command to be more active in caring for the creation that we have.”

LeGrand’s office regularly works with both the Creation Care/Environment Club, an official GWU student-led club that addresses environmental issues and practices, as well as the Creation Care Advisory Council of faculty, staff and students who work with university facilities personnel to promote environmentally sound and sustainable practices. Both groups helped in the organization of events for Earth Day.

An Earth Fair on April 21 will feature creative displays from one of GWU Associate Professor of Biology Dr. David Judge’s classes, including information on “How to Recycle,” as well as prizes and giveaways. Other regional organizations such as World Relief Spartanburg, 10,000 Villages and the Foothills Farmers Market will also offer displays. The event from 1:30-4:30 p.m. will take place on the Quad and in the Tucker Student Center.

April 22 will be Blackout Friday at Gardner-Webb, as the University community is encouraged to turn off electronic devices and building lights when not in use throughout the day. The Center for Christian Ethics and Social Responsibility will offer S’mores and Krispy Kreme doughnuts to GWU students at midnight. Lights in the Tucker Student Center will be turned off at 1:30 a.m. to observe Earth Day and promote energy efficiency. GWU community members are also encouraged to wear black on April 22 in support of Earth Day, including black clothing to support the GWU baseball team for its game at 6 p.m.

For more information about Earth Day events or the Center for Christian Ethics and Social Responsibility, contact LeGrand at [tlegrand2@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:tlegrand2@gardner-webb.edu) or by calling 704-406-2348.

*Gardner-Webb University's Center for Christian Ethics and Social Responsibility is dedicated to reaching out to students, faculty and the local community to enlighten and encourage the group as a whole to be environmentally conscience by taking care of God's creation, as well as promoting social responsibility, and ultimately keeping service learning at the heart of it all.*