

Annual Report, 2007-2008

Green Sanctuary Committee

The purpose of this newly-created standing committee is to serve as a catalyst in our congregation's journey towards sustainability and effective involvement with environmental issues. Our intent is to accomplish this purpose by following the Green Sanctuary process created by the UU Ministry for the Earth, ultimately resulting in UUCB becoming accredited as a Green Sanctuary.

We had our first meeting in March. To date, our accomplishments include: 1) setting up an email group for communications, 2) organizing ourselves (see below), 3) creating a draft mission statement with goals and objectives, and 4) holding initial project area group meetings to identify candidate projects. We are currently conducting an assessment of our congregation's current environmental practices to help us to identify suitable projects and to establish a baseline for measuring future progress.

Steering Committee: Wes Ernsberger, Gerri Wiley, Trebbe Johnson, Dick Rehberg, Susan McAnanama, and Janet Lee Brown

Project Area Groups:

Worship and Celebration: Trebbe Johnson, Darlyne Mitchell, Eric Loeb

Environmental Education: Dick Rehberg, Chris Rounds, Amy Parker, Donna Cole

Earth Justice: Susan McAnanama, George McAnanama, Rema Loeb, Christa Strain, Kaitlyn McKenna

Sustainable Living: Janet Lee Brown, Lilian Theophanis, Amy Parker, Darlyne Mitchell, Renata Bernal, Lauren Tonti

UUCB Green Email Group Moderator: Amy Parker

Personal Survey: Susan McAnanama

Congregational Assessment: Lisa Sienkiewicz

Many others have been and will be involved. Indeed, the success of our congregation's Green Sanctuary initiative requires broad participation by the congregation.

Wes Ernsberger, Chair