

## **Annual Report, 2015-2016: Green Sanctuary Committee**

Our purpose is to serve as a catalyst in our congregation's journey toward sustainability and effective involvement with environmental issues.

Ongoing Projects: Green Matters column in the Beacon; Green Sanctuary web pages; work with Property Committee on energy efficiency, composting, and keeping up the grounds in an earth-friendly way.

### Summary by Month:

**July:** Rebuilt our compost bin. Second year of County Jail Gardening Project underway.

**August:** "Resolving to Revolve" worship service. Space Task Force participation begins for implementation of the carbon neutral building aspect of our UUCB Commitment to Climate Action.

**September:** Vigil for Climate Justice. Investigated electric battery lawn mower for UUCB.

**October:** Hosted the Pachamama Workshop. Summarized UUCB Green Sanctuary at ICAN (Interfaith Climate Action Network) meeting in Ithaca.

**November:** Leaf raking parties. Participated in Pope Francis Encyclical discussions at Catholic Charities. Organized "Rally for Climate Justice" 350.org event.

**December:** Entered our "UUCB Commitment to Climate Action" project into GreenFaith's 2015 Cool Congregations Challenge.

**February:** Helped oppose Constitution Pipeline tree cutting.

**March:** Participated in Seneca Lake protest.

**April:** Participated in Albany rally to stop the Constitution Pipeline. Sold carbon offset certificates for 2016. EcoForum: "Becoming Carbon Neutral"

**May:** "Exploring a Plant-Based Diet" potluck and video discussion. Participated in another Seneca Lake protest.

**June:** Annual scrap metal drive

Project Leaders: Tim Wolcott, Bev Singer, Gerri Wiley, Wes Ernsberger, Scott Clarke, John Patterson, Joe Thompson

Participants: Gay Canough, Larry Lehman, Dick Rehberg, Alan Hochberg, Cecily O'Neil, Steve Kresge, Nancy Lee, Jim Taft, Lillian Theophanis, Christine Niskanen, Jean Rose-Klein, the Bange family, Ferd Haverly, Ron Clupper, Mary Wahl

Wes Ernsberger, Chair