

Annual Report, 2017-2018: Green Sanctuary Committee

Our purpose is to promote earth justice and serve as a catalyst in our congregation's journey towards sustainability.

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

Much of our work this year has been through participating in the Project Committee to work towards making our building space carbon-neutral. This is a key element of the UUCB Commitment to Climate Action, approved by congregational vote in June, 2015.

Summary by Month:

August: Sanctuary roof insulated (via Project Committee).

November: Leaf raking parties

February: Assumed responsibility for how the Hoyt Foundation grant will be used.

March: Air source heat pump system for the addition completed (via Project Committee).

April: First Sunday workshop on buying green electricity. Special collection for purchasing carbon offsets from the Finger Lakes Climate Fund. Participated in the "Cuomo Walk the Talk on Climate" rally in Albany.

June: June 24 Sunday worship service.

Project Leaders: Gerri Wiley, Wes Ernsberger, Trebbe Johnson

Participants: Gay Canough, Scott Clarke, John Patterson, Allan Hochberg, Steve Kresge, Shawn Stekete, Joe Thompson, Bev Singer, Aubrey Clark, Scott Husted, Barb Nordstrom, Corey Robinson

Wes Ernsberger, Chair