



Green Sanctuary
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Congregations and congregants working together to restore Earth and renew Spirit.

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Congratulations! With this letter, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, Office of Congregational Stewardship Services is honored to formally recognize the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Winston-Salem as an Accredited Green Sanctuary.

We appreciate your thorough documentation of your Green Sanctuary activities. Descriptions of each activity helped us to understand how much you have accomplished. You have succeeded in integrating the Green Sanctuary program goals into the ongoing life of your congregation through the many projects you have carried out. Your application offers strong evidence of the positive environmental consciousness that has developed in your congregation, resulting in new behaviors and new lifestyle choices by members individually and by the congregation as a whole. We were excited to see environmental issues addressed in regular Sunday Services. You made wonderful steps in turning Camp UU into a 'Green' camp. We were especially inspired by your work with Habitat for Humanity in developing a prototype home and would love to learn more about the specifics. And we were excited to the that you have established a Community Closes Closet so that disadvantaged or oppressed communities have access to quality clothing (despite being lightly used). You now have a great foundation for continuing action in the future.

We know you are looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments with your congregation. Your Green Sanctuary certificate is being sent under a separate cover for you to display in a prominent place. You will be recognized as an Accredited Green Sanctuary at General Assembly 2011 in Charlotte, NC, as that time nears I will send you more information. In the meantime, you may want to begin to assemble a "scrapbook" which shares information about your Green Sanctuary movement – congregations create these in many different way; some use their applications, some include orders of service, newsletter columns, fliers about special events, and pictures, some write storybooks about the journey, and some come up with new ideas that we've never seen before – this will be a wonderful reminder of where your congregation has

been and will be on display at the Congregational Life booth at GA for other congregations to peruse.

We encourage all congregations to continue engaging in stewardship of the Earth even after they have become an Accredited Green Sanctuary. In four-to-five years, as you look towards re-accreditation in for years we encourage you to publicize your Green Sanctuary work on your congregation's webpage, provide more detailed information about your Adult Education programming, and continue your work with the AIDS Garden (try not to let it get forgotten or put-off). From your write-up we understand that keeping a strong Committee together was hard, we suggest that in the future you might want to just have a small group be in charge of the documentation process and then delegate the programming to others, this will likely take the stress off of many and allow your programs to grow organically.

I do hope you are proud of your accomplishments. You have truly taken the goals of the Green Sanctuary Program to heart. Again, congratulations on successfully becoming an Accredited Green Sanctuary. Your accomplishments serve as a beacon of hope, demonstrating that we can all make a difference!

To a greener faith-community and world,

Robin Nelson

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“It's not easy being Green.” – Kermit the Frog