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Green Sanctuary
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
Congregational Stewardship Services
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Application for Green Sanctuary Accreditation

Congregation Information

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Congregation Profile

In 1951, an ad ran in Winston-Salem's local newspaper, asking "Are you a Unitarian without knowing it" and was followed by 4 questions: "Do you believe the Bible to be an inspiring human document, rather than the 'literal word of God', Do you believe that man is not condemned by the doctrine of 'original sin' but is inherently capable of improvement; Do you believe the development of character to be more important than the accepting of religious creeds; Do you believe the purpose of religion is to help us live this life nobly and constructively, rather than to emphasize the preparation for an after-existence?" Soon after, an organizational meeting was held with only 12 people to form a Unitarian Society. Some of the key principles embraced were religious democracy, respect for human differences, and emphasis on the here and now. Over the next 10 years, the group multiplied in number and in 1961, the congregation selected a permanent home on Robinhood Road. Particularly as Winston-Salem's population expanded, membership continued to grow for the pluralistic religion. What had become the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem (UUFWS) found itself out of space again. In 1997, the congregation moved farther up Robinhood Road to larger quarters. At its current location, 4055 Robinhood Road, it has seven acres.

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Our current certified Membership is 319. These are mostly highly educated, middle aged and seniors of European heritage. Approximately 40% have children at home. About half work full time with an above average income, and one-third are retired. The Fellowship is open and welcoming to people of all beliefs. Average Sunday Service attendance is 140. Attendance at our regular Sunday Morning Forum ranges from 35 to 45.

We have approximately 110 regular children and youth in the RE Program and we anticipate approximately 30 visiting children and youth this program year, We currently have an Interim Minister, and we enjoy the services of a full time Administrative Manager. Part time staff include the Director of Religious Education, a Member/Volunteer Coordinator, a Music Director, and a Pianist. In 2010 we bought the property in front of ours along with its single family house, garage and out building. Plans are being formulated for its use in support of our mission. We have been greening our Fellowship for a number of years, and the results of our participation in the UUA Green Sanctuary Program have exceeded our expectations. We anticipate that we can meet the challenges ahead and do even better over the coming years.

Congregational Vote

Accomplished on December 5, 2010. See Attachment 2 for vote and Covenant which was read by the Congregation that day and published in our January 2011 newsletter.

Completion of Action Plan

Worship and Celebration Projects (2 required)

Project Title: Sermons, Pulpit Editorials, Sunday Announcements, and Joys and Concerns

Project Description and Action: This project was designed to inform, inspire and transform attendees at our Sunday Services. Reverend Charlie Davis delivered his annual Earth Day Sermon in April, 2010 and Geraldine Zurek delivered the annual Water Service in September, 2009 and 2010. Reverend Davis also delivered a Sermon on Ethical Eating in November 2009. In addition, members of our EcoSolutions Group delivered 2 brief Pulpit Editorials throughout the year addressing climate change, tree preservation in Winston-Salem and related current issues and events. Also, members of the congregation mentioned their individual actions in support of the Earth at a number of Joys and Concerns announcement. Finally, published and read announcements continued to mention the many earth-centered activities that members of our congregation were involved in both collectively and individually.

Timeline for Completion: This is ongoing, and the number of actions exceeded our commitment.

Outcomes: The attendees at Sunday Services heard important messages about their own impact on the Earth and hopefully became more willing to take steps collectively and in their own lives to reduce their environmental impact.

Lead: Anne Murray, Chair of the Worship Services Committee

Project Title: Visible Celebration of our Indoor and Outdoor Space

Project Description and Action: The sanctuary space has been maintained and enhanced to remind congregants of our 7th principle on a regular basis: We have living, green plants in front

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of sanctuary. We often decorate the pulpit with flowers from our own garden. Our memorial garden, visible from sanctuary, promotes an environmental alternative to burial. This garden was renovated and enhanced to offer a peaceful green outdoor space for remembrance and reflection, and it was made accessible for the disabled.

Timeline for Completion: Maintenance of the greenery and flowers in the Sanctuary is ongoing. The Memorial Garden was rededicated in October, 2009.

Outcomes: Our Sanctuary is a multipurpose room which is used for Sunday Services, weddings, memorials, our annual auction, practice by our own choir and the Winston-Salem choral group, cafe fund raisers, and many other UU and public events. Maintenance of the greenery and flowers inspires attendees to appreciate and respect living things.

Lead: Susan Jones and Patti Hubbard, Co-Chairs of the Memorial Committee

Religious Education Projects (2 required, 1 for children and 1 for adults)

Project Title: Children and Youth

Project Description and Action: Our summer curriculum for PreK-6th grade is devoted to social action projects, including projects related to nature and the environment. We have lessons on endangered species, the ethical treatment of animals, recycling, and stewardship of the earth. Lessons include 'doing' activities.... such as writing letters to the government asking for protective laws or planting an RE garden. Youth Services has committed to a process of turning Camp UU into a 'Green' camp. Significant progress was made toward that end in 2009. We started making the Camp 'green' by: 1) Eliminating juice at snack time and drinking only water served from reusable cups marked with each child's name. 2) Making most of our own snacks, such as homemade ice cream and air popped popcorn. Fruit was served a lot, significantly reducing packaging waste. 3) Using recyclables for craft making and building activities. Parents brought in recyclables from home - what wasn't used in 'keeper' crafts was then recycled at the end of camp. 4) Spending more time out doors. Campers spent more of each camp day outdoors than we have in previous years. We incorporated water play into our activities on two days. 5) Allowing the Green Club to introduce themselves, recruit members, and having an initial meeting. In addition, the Green Club led several activities during camp, including: playground trash pick up, recyclables scavenger hunt, and canned good collection.

The work on the rain garden (see below) and playground necessitated a curriculum change for summer 2010. Instead of using a formal curriculum, we worked on learning about habitats. We explored our side yard and meadow - areas that we usually don't explore because our RE 'boundaries' are in the back of the Fellowship. Being restricted from our usual area opened up the opportunity to get close to the meadow and learn about why we keep a meadow and what animals may use it for their habitat. We decorated blue bird houses to hang on the Fellowship grounds. We learned about habitats and animals which are endangered. And we learned about how and why our backyard habitat is changing.

During the school year, each class has its own rotation of topics – the older children and youth are on a three-year rotation of curricula. One of those three years is devoted to social action, including a component on the environment. Younger classes use the Spirit Play program and the topics, including the environment, vary from Sunday to Sunday. All children from PreK -6th

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grade spend some class time on nature walks and planting every year. In addition to Sunday morning Religious Education classes, children and youth also have opportunities to participate in special classes, workshops, and projects.

Timeline for Completion: These activities are ongoing.

Outcomes: Children have been learning about waste reduction, recycling, rain gardens, outdoor animal and plant habitats, the ethical treatment of animals, endangered species, etc. These lessons prepare them better to make the difficult choices everyone faces in their lives when making decisions about consumption, care for animals and plants, and protection of habitat.

Lead: Pam Lepley, Director of Religious Education

Project Title: Inter-generational and Adult Education

Project Description and Action: We encouraged children, youth and Adults to participate in the annual Piedmont Earth Day Fair with their families. Our annual summer camping trip is open to all members and families – and includes the opportunity for a group hike and exploration of the natural world. Our Adult Education Committee and Social Action Council promoted environmental movies at Temple Emanuel with whom we cooperate on environmental programs. Some of our Small Group Ministries have undertaken discussions on ethical eating and energy conservation. EcoSolutions is a subgroup of the Social Action Council – any adult member of the congregation is able to join this group that focuses on environmental issues. EcoSolutions sponsored three Sunday Morning Forums to advise participants of the progress on this Green Sanctuary Program and to encourage them to take specific steps to reduce their environmental impact.

Timeline for Completion: The Forums were held in November, 2009 and February and October 2010 and the movies are held throughout the year. The Ethical Eating program was held in February 2010. The summer camping trip is held each July. The Piedmont Earth Day Fair is held each April.

Outcomes: Participants are better informed about environmental matters such as food production and distribution, farming, coal mining, soil preservation, fuels consumption, global warming, etc. Presumably they then make better decisions. They are also more willing to participate in local governmental actions such as the passage of Winston-Salem's first Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Lead: Pam Lepley, Director of Religious Education
Robert Vorsteg, Chairman, EcoSolutions Group

*Environmental Justice (2 required, 1 long-term that **actively** promotes justice for those affected by environmental injustices and creates relationships)*

Project Title: AIDS Awareness and Community Gardening

Project Description: We partner with other religious organizations on the periodic cleanup and maintenance of the Forsyth County Aids Memorial Garden in Tanglewood Park. The brief ministerial services associated with the cleanup are a reminder of the injustice still inflicted upon Aids victims. It uses gardening as a metaphor for both the remembrance of those who have passed on as well as hope for survivors.

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Timeline for Completion: The Garden was cleaned up in April, 2010. The Memorial Service was in June and was officiated by our outgoing Minister, Reverend Charlie Davis. That particular service had a special surprise portion - - the interim director of AIDS Care Services, Katherine Foster, attended and presented Charlie and his wife Gail with a plaque of appreciation for their service to the community over the years they were in Winston-Salem.

We will have a spring clean-up/planting/weeding and a late summer/fall service this year. Both events will be interfaith and open to the community. The fall clean-up got missed this last year; we generally do leaf-raking and mulching in that clean-up. If timing allows this year, we'll get that event on the calendar along with the other two events.

Outcomes: The garden cleanup was promoted in the local media bringing attention to the garden and the Fellowship. Those who participated in the cleanup learned about care for plantings as well as the scourge of AIDS in our own community.

Lead: Seretha Masdon

Project Title: Affordable housing (long term Project)

Project Description: This long-term, and on-going project involves the entire congregation and is carried out in collaboration with Habitat For Humanity. We continue to encourage the Forsyth County chapter to use sustainable construction materials and techniques. In fact, a UU member is chairing a temporary committee of volunteers to design and build an advanced environmentally friendly Habitat home as a prototype for future houses. Three other UU members serve on this committee. We also recruit volunteers from the Congregation to assist with a "green" construction or renovation project on at least one Saturday each year.

Timeline for Completion: This year's volunteer Saturday was held in June 2010. The Green Build prototype is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2011.

Outcomes: Our Fellowship is recognized as a leader in the local Habitat Chapter. Future habitat homes will consume less energy. Participating UUs learn about green construction practices and may adopt them at their own homes. This program addresses environmental justice by helping to provide sustainable housing for up to 22 families each year and offers an opportunity for our members to work alongside of low income families as they complete their sweat equity hours on their future homes.

Lead: Gus Preschle, Coordinator, Green Sanctuary Program

Sustainable Living (4 required, 1 that addresses energy conservation)

Project Title: Plastics and other toxic substances

Project Description and Action: Plastics play a large and sometimes unavoidable role in every day life at home, at work, and at the Fellowship. This project investigated the use of harmful plastics and identifies sustainable solutions and encourage the use of same. This was done through the publication of articles in our monthly newsletter. It was expanded to include other toxins such as those in drinking water, the air we breathe, the fuels we use, and the gardening products we use.

Timeline for Completion: This ongoing project has resulted in a comprehensive article in most of our monthly newsletter and will continue for the foreseeable future. It was recently expanded to include a Green Sanctuary Tip Of the Week in our weekly email announcements.

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Outcomes: The membership is more aware of specific toxins and alternatives to their use.

Lead: Rodger Junk and Gus Preschle

Project Title: Environmental Impact of meat production, distribution, and waste

Project Description and Action: Expansion of grazing land for livestock is a key factor in deforestation, especially in Latin America: some 70 percent of previously forested land in the Amazon is used as pasture, and feed crops cover a large part of the remainder. This project held a Forum on the harmful environmental impact of the production, distribution and consumption of meat. It encouraged the participants to make informed decisions about their consumption of meat. A meatless lunch was also offered focusing on ethical eating.

Timeline for Completion: The Forum and lunch were held in February, 2010

Outcomes: Participants are better educated about the environmental impact of meat production and presumably make better decisions about meat consumption.

Lead: Helen Ethers, Robert Vorsteg and Pam Lepley

Project Title: Grounds care and landscaping

Project Description and Action: The fellowship owns and maintains approximately 5 acres of landscaped and naturally forested land. The Grounds Team developed the following green practices in our work. 1. Reduce use of chemical pesticides as much as possible. 2. Mulch to reduce weeds and conserve water whenever possible, using our leaves for mulch after they have composted. 3. The banks around the parking lot are being cleared so that leaves can be blown there and allowed to compost naturally. Two compost areas have been cleared on our property at the edge of the woods below the lower storage shed--one for chipped woody materials and one for garden wastes (weeds, dead plants). These have been well used by the grounds team this summer. 4. Use native plants whenever possible/appropriate. 5. Mow grass and blow leaves only when needed. 6. Retain meadowlands (previously a grassy area mowed regularly) with only one cutting each spring to encourage wildflowers. 7. Provide habitat for wildlife--amphibians, birds, butterflies, and beneficial plants and insects.

As a major added project, we planted a bio-retention cell (rain garden) in the Fall of 2010 to reduce erosion, eliminate a hazardous drainage ditch and provide habitat for wild creatures. This \$75,000 project was funded 80% by a grant from the County and 20% by a Fellowship special fundraiser. Members also donated appropriate plants and provided much of the labor.

Timeline for Completion: The rain garden was completed in the Fall of 2010 and the rest of the program is ongoing.

Outcomes: The birdhouses attracted a variety of birds, the flower gardens attracted bees and butterflies all summer. The Fall's congregational work day included be a mulch parade (of pick-up trucks) to the city's free mulch supply, and applied it liberally all around. This reuses the city's composted yard waste, while helping control weed growth and conserving water. The rain garden has eliminated a dangerous drainage ditch in our backyard, reduced silt runoff into the adjacent water shed, educated our membership on rain garden, and provided new habitat for local critters.

Lead: Joan Wright, Chair of the Grounds Committee

Project Title: Energy Conservation and Electrical Consumption Reduction

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Project Description and Action: The Fellowship building is an all-electric facility, except for the gas fireplace, which is no longer in regular use. The highest energy consumption is the HVAC units, of which two of the three are fairly new and efficient. When the time comes for the third to be replaced, the new unit will have a much higher energy efficiency than present. Proper air filters are now being used (HVAC contractors using wrong sizes allowing air gaps; dirty coils are inefficient). All coils were cleaned.

The next items are the water heaters. Since the only use is for hand washing and dish washing, the temperatures are set fairly low to save on energy. The kitchen hot water tank is set to 114 F after the mixing valve. This tank may be a candidate for additional insulation, but we have to make sure the items in that closet allow it. The RE wing hot water tank is set at 107 F and additional insulation would not be necessary.

The next item is lighting. In the foyer and hallways, as bulbs burn out, they will be replaced with CF bulbs. Over 70 incandescent lights have been converted to compact fluorescent (CFLs).

All appliances get annual checkups and the coils are cleaned to improve efficiency (including the ice maker). When they stop working, then replacing them with Energy Star appliances will be a priority. Outdoor faucets have been insulated. 40 existing batts of insulation were properly laid in the attic and 288 square feet of new insulation were added, thermostat settings were adjusted for better energy savings, dripping faucets were fixed and are inspected quarterly, all door closures were adjusted to reduce air infiltration, and foyer lights were put on a timer to eliminate waste. Had carpet cleaned by Steam Master using the "Green Option" cleaning solution.

Timeline for Completion: This program is ongoing

Outcomes: Reduced energy consumption and carbon production. Committee members and Fellowship members have become more aware of energy waste and methods of improvement.

Lead: Tom Ricono, Building Committee Chair

Additional (2 required, these can relate to the program elements of your choice)

Project Title: Comparison of Winston-Salem and Malmo Sweden Environmental Programs
This was originally planned as a Slow Money program but was changed in the Fall of 2009.

Project Description and Action: Terri LeGrand collected extensive notes and research during a trip to Malmo, Sweden which is one of the greenest cities in the world. She then presented a Sunday morning Forum on Ego-centric to Eco-centric with a comparison of sustainability efforts in Malmo to Winston-Salem, NC. Recycling, energy production and conservation, building practices, transportation and other related topics were covered.

Timeline for Completion: November, 2009

Outcomes: Forum participants became more aware of the opportunities and challenges of improving environmental programs in midsize cities such as our own.

Lead: Terri LeGrand, UU member and President of the Piedmont Environmental Alliance

Project Title: Dishwasher replacement

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Project Description and Action: Replaced two aging and inefficient kitchen dishwashers with a modern efficient commercial unit. Presentation of meatless dishes during one of the fund raiser luncheons also supported sustainability education and concepts. Let's note here that our kitchen has only used washable china, glass wear, cutlery and napkins for a number of years.

Timeline for Completion: March 2010

Outcomes: This will reduce both energy and water consumption and provide cleaner, healthier dishes for congregational and rental functions. It also helped educate the membership on the importance of using Energy Star appliances and having occasional meatless meals.

Lead: Mary Krauter

Project Title: Community Clothes Closet

Project Description and Action: The worship committee collected clothes for the Green Street Church clothing closet during the Spring of 2010. This jump-started our own clothing closet. This past Summer the Social Action Council initiated a Saturday open house where lightly used clothing is offered to needy neighbors for free. The clothing is donated by members, sorted, displayed, and given to anyone who shows up at our door step. A special banner at our roadside markets it.

Timeline for Completion: this is an ongoing project

Outcomes: Used clothing is reused rather than thrown out. Needy members of the community get lightly used clothing for adults and children. The Fellowship earns recognition in the Community. Participants in the planning and execution earn satisfaction for an important program.

Lead: Carrie Galloway, Chair of the Social Action Council

Accomplishment of Program Goals

We believe that we have satisfactorily achieved each of the five Green Sanctuary Program goals with our program. There is a lot more to be done in this life long quest, but the Fellowship is off to a good start.

- **Build awareness of the significance and complexity of environmental issues.**

We believe that our congregation is more aware of environmental issues than the general population and other local congregations. This is evidenced by the number of fuel efficient cars in our parking lot on Sunday morning, to the popularity of our environmental Forums, to the number of members who turn out for City council hearings on environmental issues. Other examples include the high level of leadership provided by our Committees such as RE, buildings, and grounds. It is not unusual to see members engaged in environmental discussions during coffee service after Service.

- **Encourage personal lifestyle changes**

Lifestyle changes come slowly in "bountiful" America. Our environmental sermons, Pulpit Editorials, Sunday Forums, weekly and monthly newsletter articles, movie nights, yard sale, Auction, lobby displays and RE programs are all designed and coordinated to encourage personal lifestyle changes. An informal survey taken at a Sunday Forum in October 2010 indicated that many members recycle at home, have adjusted their thermostats, plan multiple stops when out in their vehicles, use Energy Star appliances, and have adopted the use of Compact Fluorescent

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Lights (CFLs). We also believe that our children are more aware of environmental issues such as endangered species, habitat protection, recycling, healthy eating, enjoying the outdoors, etc.

- **Engage in community action on environmental issues**

Our Fellowship members not only engage in community action, but they take leadership positions in local and regional activities. All 5 members of the Executive Committee of the Piedmont Environmental Alliance are UU's. Three members participate on the Winston-Salem Sustainability Committee or sub-committees. Some of these individuals also participate in a Triad Region Green Building Incentives Group and the local and State Chapters of the Sierra Club. Others participate in Community Gardening programs and they actively support farmers markets and food co-ops. Again, turnout and letter writing is good when volunteers are asked to attend city council meetings or lobby their elected officials for stronger environmental protections and environmental justice.

- **Strengthen the connection between spiritual practice and Earth consciousness**

In the fall of 2010, we held a discussion group centered on the book "A Chosen Faith" by John Buehrens and Forrest Church. As part of these discussions, we spent four sessions engaged in sharing about our personal connections to nature and our planet. These sessions were followed by discussions about our Fellowship's place in the Web and our responsibility to our Home. Participants revealed deeply personal stories about moments and/or events in their lives when they felt a profound connection to nature. For some of us, this connection has been ever present – others shared memories of a particularly powerful 'wow' experience. During the past two years, these kinds of conversations have become more common in our Fellowship – part of our ongoing dialogue. Members who recycle, compost, or invest in a hybrid car or solar cells for their home are doing so not simply because it is good for the earth, but also because it is good for their souls. Being conscious of our impact on the environment and one another may not be a new spiritual practice for us, but it is certainly more readily acknowledged as such and more frequently discussed in those terms. Our respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are all a part is stronger than every.

- **Work to heal environmental injustices**

Literally dozens of our members support or work with an interfaith group called Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment (CHANGE), which recently lobbied for and won stronger local laws to protect children from hazardous lead. Five members of the Habitat For Humanity Green Build II Design Team are UU members as is the committee Chair. The new free Community Clothes Closet is another example of our fight against environmental injustice. Again, letters to legislators and Editors further demonstrates this commitment.

Program Evaluation

- **What do you believe has been the most important benefit your congregation has gained as a result of your participation in the Green Sanctuary Program?**

The most important benefit gained by the Congregation is having a sense of membership in a local and national UUA Community of open minded individuals who believe that we must and can continually improve our relationship with a fragile environment. Becoming a UUA Green Sanctuary is both a recognition of our willingness to change, and our commitment to continuing to learn and take action. The Covenant reading incorporated in our unanimous congregational vote to file for Accreditation is strong evidence of that commitment.

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- **What has been the most difficult or challenging aspect of the program for your congregation to achieve?**

The most difficult aspect of the program has been establishing a strong Committee to lead and coordinate our numerous environmental programs. There is ample evidence in this report that individual committees and leaders take their responsibility seriously. Their committees have produced marvelous results and have plans for more. However, coordination between committees and the overall program could have been stronger. It has been difficult to hold Green Sanctuary Steering Committee Meetings where even greater creativity and cooperation might have been achieved. Our members much prefer to take action than to attend meetings to talk about it. Most program coordination, fact gathering, progress reporting, and idea generation has been by email, phone calls, face to face discussions, etc.

- **Have you been able to discern positive changes in your congregation's culture as a result of the activities you accomplished? If so, what are they?**

Cultural changes do not come quickly and are very difficult to measure. However, our environmental awareness has been evolving over many years. Our founding of the Piedmont Environmental alliance 5 years ago, our ongoing participation at Habitat For Humanity Builds, our green kitchen practices, our annual yard sale and Auctions, our grounds keeping practices, and our Sunday environmental Sermons go back many years. All of these have been further enhanced in the level of participation and leadership during our Green Sanctuary program. New ideas like the rain garden, and the community clothes closet will continue to infuse our members with a culture supportive of learning, changing, and doing.

- **What are your intentions/aspirations for continuing to live out your Green Sanctuary commitments?**

In the short run, we intend to continue the momentum by sustaining our ongoing programs. We also plan to re-institute recycling in the RE wing of our building (it was suspended in 2009 when there was not sufficient volunteer support to keep it going). We also will attempt to institute a kitchen waste recycling program this spring when the weather warms. In the long run, we aspire to formally maintain our Green Sanctuary Accreditation by continuing to improve, and by reporting our achievements according with Program requirements.

- **What on-going role do you expect your congregation will take in the wider community relative to environmental issues? How do you feel recognition as a Green Sanctuary affects your position in the community?** We expect that our high level of leadership and participation in the wider community will continue to grow as more and more members adopt the principles and commitments made in our Covenant. This might be further enhanced over the next few years if we are to continue to increase our membership. When we filed our application for certification in 2009, we reported 295 members. With this application for accreditation we are reporting 319 members. And as we work through the Transition process and select a new Minister in 2012, we hope to grow even further. This growth is inclusive of people willing to actively live a life based on deed rather than creed. While our quest to earn recognition as a Green Sanctuary cannot be credited with this past and hoped for growth, we believe that it is an important contributor to our success.

Application Instructions

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Using this format, submit your electronic application to greensanctuary@uua.org. If you cannot email the application, please contact Robin Nelson, Program Manager for Congregational Stewardship Services at the UUA, for snail-mail instructions. For additional information and advice for preparing your application, feel free to contact Robin Nelson via email at RNelson@uua.org or by phone at 617.948.4251.

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem
Congregational Meeting

December 5, 2010

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM and a quorum was established by Janet Owen, President of the Board of Trustees.

Robert Vorsteg led the congregation in reading the Green Sanctuary Covenant.

Helen Ethers moved to approve submission of the Green Sanctuary Application to the Unitarian Universalist Association, and the motion was seconded by Seretha Masdon. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for lunch and reconvened at 12:10 PM.

Janet Owen reported on the work the committees of UUFWS have done in 2010. The congregation recognized the work of the committees.

Carrie Galloway, on behalf of the Social Action Council, recognized the work that George Briggs has done for Crisis Control Ministries.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Janet Owen

UUFWS Green Sanctuary Covenant
December 5, 2010

We the Membership of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem,

- Recognizing the fragile and interdependent state of our Earth and all living things;
- Recognizing the need to protect and maintain the quality of our common life-giving natural resources such as water, soil, and air;
- Recognizing the need to work with others to create a sustainable society based on respect for our planet Earth and its life-giving resources; and
- Recognizing our universal human rights to a clean environment:

DO THEREFORE DECLARE

To one another, to the greater community of life and to future generations that we accept responsibility to preserve and protect the health, vitality, beauty, and diversity of planet Earth.

TO THIS END

As members of this congregation and participants in the Green Sanctuary program, we pledge our encouragement to one another in a personal and congregational commitment to living this promise through our Unitarian Universalist Principles, including the Seventh Principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." We make the following commitments:

- We incorporate Seventh Principle values and practices into our worship services, celebrations, and religious education programs;
- We live lightly on the Earth and strive to continually improve our environmental impact;
- We support efforts to improve the quality of our watershed; and
- We affirm and promote programs to raise the awareness of human behaviors that affect the health and sustainability of the living Earth.