

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE
Minutes, June 26, 2007

Present: Dusty Bailey, Becca Gagne, Kay Hansen, Betty Massie, Tom Stipes, David Towle, Karen Volckhausen, Kay Wilkins

1. The Green Sanctuary Charter, which appeared in the July NUUS, was reviewed, with no changes. It will be presented to the board at its next meeting, then handed on to the Procedures Task Force.
2. An environmental audit is considered a high priority, including an audit of energy usage (Pam Person, contact person), local recycling practices (Betty Massie, contact person), church policies regarding cleaning materials (Becca Gagne, contact person), investment policies of the Maine Community Fund (Becca Gagne, contact person), and landscaping policies relating to native species and chemical usage (Susan Stahlberg, contact person).
3. Kay Hansen indicated that the Religious Exploration Committee is receptive to suggestions from the Green Sanctuary Committee regarding specific activities to integrate into the curriculum (Kay Hansen and Becca Gagne, contact persons). Bryce Smith has expressed interest in becoming involved with these activities.
4. Tom Stipe reported from the Social Action Committee that UUCE is signed up to participate in a National Teaching Day, January 31, 2008, "Focusing the Nation on Global Warming". Speakers will be arranged in mainly academic settings; it was suggested that College of Atlantic might join forces with UUCE in this venture.
5. The Adult Religious Education program is in development for the fall, and may create a curriculum on the environment using resources such as Joanna Macy's "Council of All Beings" the Maine Earth Institute's course on global warming, or resources available at stepitup2007.org.
6. Other projects underway
 - a. Cloth napkins will be provided for coffee hour and potluck, to be washed and dried (in a hot-air dryer) after each use.
 - b. Plans for kitchen remodeling include the possibility of a commercial dishwasher to reduce water usage. A sorting system for recyclables will be developed by David Towle once the kitchen remodeling plans are firmed up.
 - c. Betty Massie will plan on submitting a Green Sanctuary article for the NUUS each month.
 - d. The possibility of a biomass-fueled furnace was suggested by Tom Stipe.

Next meeting: 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at UUCE.

David Towle, Note-taker pro-tem