



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) - the past two summers this program provided WUU participants with a weekly share of fresh, locally grown produce while supporting a local farmer. A portion of our weekly baskets were donated to the Grove Community Outreach Center for distribution to families in need.

Environmental Justice - What Is It? - a public forum on October 21, 2011.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

WUU Community Garden - a small group of faithful volunteers tended a small garden on the church campus.

Recycle & Reuse Resources - educated and involved the congregation in recycling plastics #1-7.

RideShare - carpooling helps us develop relationships and reduces our carbon footprint.

Adopt-A-Highway - improves area roadsides through congregational service

Sustainable Energy Project - self-help projects to reduce energy consumption at WUU were based on a professional energy audit. Energy audits were also undertaken by a number of WUU households. Our goal is to live more lightly on the Earth.



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GREEN SANCTUARY

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS



7TH UU PRINCIPLE
“We affirm and promote...respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”



Green Sanctuary at WUU 2011-2012

WORKING TOWARD UUA ACCREDITATION

In June, 2010, Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists' congregation was accepted into Candidacy for the UUA Green Sanctuary Program. The Action Plan for accreditation included over a dozen projects undertaken by the congregation.

The program concentrates on four focus areas which span all areas of WUU programming:

- Worship & Celebration
- Lifespan Faith Development
- Environmental Justice
- Sustainable Living

ABOUT GREEN SANCTUARY PROJECTS

The fourteen projects listed here were selected after extensive study and input from the congregation and the GS Task Force. An energy audit was required by the UUA. The results of this audit has determined how we can reduce energy consumption in our three buildings, as well as improve safety and comfort at WUU.

GREEN SANCTUARY ACTION PROJECTS

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

The 7th Principle in Worship - weaves elements of the Seventh UU Principle, "the interdependent web of all existence," into our worship services.

Earth Day Celebrations - multi-generational event to clean up the community and honor the Earth.

Celebrating the Earth Through Art - WUU artists celebrate nature and the environment through their creative art work.

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

4-Session Workshop, "Green Dying and Much More," - explored end of life issues

Communication and Resources - provides environmental information through the web, email, newsletters and the church library.

Children's Programs - included the study of Rain Forests in the summer of 2010

Environmental Documentary Film Series - raises awareness of environmental issues.



The goal of Green Sanctuary is a world in which all people make reverence, gratitude, and care for the living Earth central to their lives. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) provides, through the Green Sanctuary Program, a path for congregational study, reflection, and action in response to environmental challenges.

