

Summary History of the Green Sanctuary Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis 2006-2007

Committee Members: Steve Brennan, Kathy Coulter, Tom Jankowski, Gail Kennedy, Judy Moores, Michael Pach, Vincent Schwent, Dawn Student, and Mary Wind. Helpers: Leisa Huyck, Anya Clasen, Lyn Nittler, Ann Halsted, Marcy Shannon. Co-chairs - Mary and Judy

Purpose: The purpose of our Green Sanctuary effort is to help us move as individuals and as a church toward a more sustainable future — one that is respectful of Earth – and in harmony with our seventh principle of “respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” We seek to empower people by giving them the knowledge they need to make good decisions, the courage of community to adopt new more healthful, meaningful, and thoughtful ways of doing things, and the opportunity to incorporate our UU values into everyday life.

Partial List of Achievements:

- Distributed 400 packets on healthy eating, CSAs, and related topics to members and friends of the church. About 65 households representing over 100 people agreed to eat more organic food, more local food, and fewer animal meals.
- Hosted a number of CSAs on Sundays after church and encouraged members to sign up.
- Worked with Kate Raymond and Beth Banks to integrate green topics into R.E. and worship services.
- Gave 6 Northwest Earth Institute classes, averaging 10/class.
- Maintained a kiosk in the Great Hall with information on GS topics/programs.
- Circulated petitions on a number of eco-justice issues including AB 32 to reduce global emissions in CA, building in the floodplain, Junk mail, etc.
- Sponsored Steve Brennan’s workshop on Home Energy Efficiency.
- Developed and distributed brochures, such as, “Giving Gifts the Green Way,” “101 Ways to Make the World Greener,” “Bike Safety,” etc.
- Held a fund-raising folk concert for the church January 27. Raised about \$500.
- Completed the projects to become a Green Sanctuary, submitted a report to the UUME
- Designated a Green Sanctuary in March by the UU Ministry for Earth.
- Helped with the Awakening the Dreamer conference at our church in April.
- Received City of Davis Environmental Recognition award on May 1.
- Received a resolution from the City of Davis to designate this spring “Climate Action Season.”
- Held our first Clean Air Sunday on May 20.

In June of 2007, with the national General Assembly of Congregations held in Portland, Oregon, the church was able to send over 30 representatives. Judy Moores represented the Green Sanctuary Committee and serves as a delegate. She was asked to speak at the UU Ministry for Earth annual meeting, about the walking meditation services that the Green Sanctuary Committee had developed as a way to introduce the congregation to the spiritual aspects of our church grounds. She represented the Green Sanctuary Committee and Church in General Assembly and given the official Green Sanctuary certificate for the UU Church of Davis.