

Green Sanctuary Accreditation

As you probably know, the Green Sanctuary Committee has been working hard to accomplish our annual action plan during our year of candidacy. I am pleased to report that we will be completing the plan by the end of the year, at the latest. Before submitting our application for accreditation, the congregation is asked to vote affirmatively to apply, promising to continue including Earth consciousness in all of our programs and practices and explicitly committing to living by our Green Sanctuary values. On June 22, you will be asked to vote on a motion for Green Sanctuary accreditation and on our statement of commitment in the form a covenant with each other.

COVENANT OF Tapestry Unitarian Universalist Congregation GREEN SANCTUARY PROJECT

WE THE UNDERSIGNED,

- 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 join with others to bring forth a sustainable society based on respect for our planet and all 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, our acceptance of responsibility for preserving and protecting the health, vitality, beauty, and diversity of this planet Earth.

TO THIS END

As members of the Tapestry Unitarian Universalist Congregation and through participation in the Green Sanctuary Project, 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." In addition to specific projects and activities, 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.”