



Unity Earth Care Northwest

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We envision all Unity ministries, collectively and individually, responsibly caring for God's Creation through cooperative prayer, thought, and action.

Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Fruits of the Work – Responding to Climate Change at Unity of Beaverton, OR



The Unity Social Consciousness in Action group at Beaverton is the umbrella group for environmental, social justice, and peace activities that emerge within their spiritual community. With an initial focus on climate change, they began by showing the film *An Inconvenient Truth* and studying a course on global warming developed by the Northwest Earth Institute in Portland. The group has completed energy audits of the church facility and several homes, and is now preparing for an “energy audit challenge” within their community.

This fall’s programs began in September with a showing of the film *Who Killed the Electric Car?*, complete with demonstrations of an electric car and a Prius hybrid car, and a talk about the effects of transportation by a member of Al Gore’s global warming initiative. Upcoming topics include how to generate only “One Can of Garbage a Year!” and Deep Ecology.

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More Fruits – Promoting Sustainability at Unity World Healing Center, Lake Oswego, OR

Every other Wednesday, the group meeting at Unity World Healing Center is learning about Earth stewardship. They are showing and discussing television programs and films covering topics such as climate change, sustainable industries, peak oil, and population growth. Surprisingly inspiring was the film *The Power of Community*, about Cuba’s response to the cut off of oil when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989.

This summer, the Lake Oswego group promoted the international 7-7-07 Live Earth Concert with a local broadcast of the event at a community park, followed by a live band grand finale. Co-sponsors of the day-long celebration included the City of Lake Oswego and local members Daniel Crothers and Jean Baumann. Jim Newcomer, co-leader of the Unity group with Daniel, writes, “We publicized the event several Saturdays in advance at the local Farmers Market, using a Mercedes-Benz smart car provided by a local dealer to draw a crowd. Plus, our members drove four Prius hybrid cars in the local July Fourth Parade to publicize the concert. We drew a few hundred people besides the hundreds who watched during the market hours, and several local green businesses also announced their services.”



Promoting Live Earth Concert with Smart Car