



Unity Earth Care Northwest

Summer 2007

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

Earth Care Declaration (DRAFT)

We declare there is a standard for the practice of being human. The story of creation reveals we are to be stewards and gardeners of the creation.

We declare there is an ethic for our relationship with all Earth creation. Our conscience reveals all of creation is connected as one. We are to interact with harmony and respect with all of creation. All voices of creation are equally important and must be heard.

We declare our covenant with God to walk upon the Earth for the greatest good of all creation.

This working draft was presented at the Northwest Regional Conference in May 2007. We are inviting comments for this next year and hope to have the final version adopted at the 2008 conference. Please send your thoughts to us at the e-mail address below right.

Earth Care an Ongoing Work in Northwest...

The Northwest Regional board approved Earth Care as an ongoing ministry, with an annual budget of \$500, at the 2007 Regional Conference in May. The Earth Care Team thanks the region for your support of this vital work.

...And Recognized Nationally!

The Spiritual Social Action Ministry Team approved formation of a subcommittee for Environmental Action at the 2007 Unity Peoples' Convention in June! Rev. Kathy Long (Great Lakes Region) will co-chair the subcommittee, and two of our members (Kathy O'Connor and Janet Rhodes) will represent the Northwest Region.

Travels of the Earth Care Banner

The Earth Care Banner graced our table display at the 2007 Unity Peoples' Convention in June, where 40 people representing six U.S. regions, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom signed up to receive more information on promoting Earth Care. The banner will be touring the Great Lakes Region for the next year, helping to celebrate the region's adoption of Earth Care.

Fruits of the Work – Spirituality and Ecology at Unity of Corvallis

Unity of Corvallis, OR, uses for its fall program the theme of Spirituality and Ecology, relating the Sunday sermons, inspirational readings, and altar to this topic. They also offer an evening study and discussion group. Past topics have included Deep Ecology and Voluntary Simplicity, using discussion guides from the Northwest Earth Institute in Portland, OR. [[Go to www.nwei.org](http://www.nwei.org) to order.]

The congregation has also adopted a popular hiking trail, and for the past four years have done repair and maintenance as part of their Season for Spirituality and Ecology. Volunteers from the church join with those from the community at large to cut brush, dig trenches, and install gravel and other items to stabilize the trail. John Butler writes, "It is a very fun and high-visibility event. The city that owns the trail has recognized us with a nice sign near the trailhead."



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