



Unity Earth Care Northwest

Spring 2008

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

Earth Care Declaration

We declare:

There is a standard for the practice of being human. We are called to be stewards of Earth.

There is an ethic for our relationship with Earth. All creation has one source and is connected as One.

We are called to act in harmony and respect with all creation. All voices are equally important and must be heard.

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

The draft declaration was presented at the Northwest Regional Conference in May 2007. We are asking the region to adopt it at the 2008 regional conference, as amended.

Fruits of the Work – Earth Day Activities

Looking for ideas for celebrating Creation? Here is a sampling of what Unity churches in our region are doing for Earth Day.

Unity Church of Olympia, Washington

On Earth Day Sunday (April 20), the Unity youth will love the church grounds with gardening and bird care. And in early May they will learn how to make and care for a worm bin that will convert kitchen waste into compost for the church grounds.

Unity World Healing Center, Lake Oswego, Oregon

Lynne Brown, Director of Silent Unity, will speak on Earth Day Sunday and bless the new church property of two acres surrounding a colonial style home. After the blessing the whole congregation will prepare the property for moving in – clearing brush, planting new shrubs, mowing the lawn, and planting a tree as a symbol of the move.

Unity of Beaverton, Oregon

The Unity Social Consciousness in Action committee is sponsoring their second annual Earth Fair in conjunction with a special Earth Day Sunday service on April 20.

Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, Washington

The church is celebrating “Earth Month” as well as its 95th anniversary! Events include a cleanup of the church grounds, a Sunday Earth Day service with the Green Team, and a Wednesday evening program on “The Healing Power of Earth Energy.”

Unity Church of Bozeman, Montana

On Earth Day Sunday the congregation will set an altar of preciousness complete with prayer ribbons for the six directions. At the end of the service they will move outside, to tie the ribbons on trees and thank the wind for carrying their prayers, and to go to the stream that flows next to the church for a “Gathering of the Waters” ceremony.

More Fruits – Earth Care at Conference

On April 22 at the regional conference, several projects are lined up for those who want to celebrate Earth Day by being of service, including work on Menucha Retreat Center’s labyrinth. Thank you to John Butler at **Unity of Corvallis** for organizing these projects.

After the regional conference, Unity Earth Care Northwest and earth care teams in the Portland area are gathering together to share ideas and celebrate their successes. The gathering is being held on Thursday, April 24, 7:30 pm at Unity World Healing Center in Lake Oswego, OR. All Unity green teams and others interested in “greening” their churches are invited to attend.

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