



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

*When we try to pick out anything by itself,  
we find it hitched to everything else  
in the universe. —John Muir*

### **“Eco-Theater” Fosters Spiritual Awareness at Unity Church of North Idaho**

Moving past the traditional bounds of “earthcare,” Eco-Theater inspires spiritual consciousness at Unity Church of North Idaho in Coeur d’Alene. For the past year the Green Team has shown a film on the last Friday of each month at the church.

Films have included *An Inconvenient Truth* and *The Future of Food*, as well as *What the Bleep: Down the Rabbit Hole* and *Indigo* (about gifted children). Eco-Theater offerings for the Season of Peace and Nonviolence were *Gandhi* and *The Peace*. The PBS series *Planet Earth* is being shown this summer and fall with two episodes per month.

About Eco-Theater, Russ Fitzpatrick, team chair writes: “Our ecology is about where we live, but not just the physical land upon which we walk, it is our social, emotional, and spiritual environments as well.”

### **Congratulations to Unity of Beaverton, Certified as an EarthCare Congregation!**

Soon after Earth Day, Unity of Beaverton, Oregon received word they were certified (by the national EarthCare team) as an EarthCare Congregation, the first in our region. Among their many activities are:

- Praying for the planet during Sunday service “Community Prayer” requests.
- Eco-tips and affirmations in Sunday bulletins.
- Book studies on environmental issues.
- Community events like “Focus the Nation” (conference on climate change) and the “Awakening the Dreamer” symposium.
- Educational exhibits and handouts on sustainable living for Earth Day.
- Coordinating with Waste Management to label dumpsters in Spanish to improve recycling success.
- Installing a new roof, fascia, and soffit to improve heating and cooling.

- Bringing a weekly farmers’ market to the church.
- Signing an agreement with Tualatian Hills Park & Recreation District to adopt a park.

Their motto is “We are the ones putting feet to our faith.”

### **Unity Principle #3 – “Speaking Spirit to Spirit”**

Continuing our series on Unity’s five basic principles, our version of the third principle is:

*All creation emanates from One Source of Divine Mind. Thoughts held in mind reproduce in Kind.*

Our Elder Brother and Master Teacher Christed Jesus said, “From the beginning we have all been together.” In *Christian Healing* Charles Fillmore writes, “ We should speak words of Truth to the rocks, plants, and animals as well as to our fellow human beings. The Christ Consciousness that measures all appearance by Divine Ideas informs all aspects of manifest life. All of life is imbued with Christ Consciousness.”

When we hold in mind that everything is conscious, we are speaking to it Spirit to Spirit. Speaking Spirit to Spirit, our communion with life is occurring at the level of Divine Mind before the measuring of time, space, and matter. Everything is a Divine Idea before it manifests. Speaking with any element of Earth—mineral, vegetable, or animal—while holding an attitude of appreciative, affirmative inquiry, results in a dialogue of feeling and understanding in which the relationship of each part speaks to its harmonious purpose in the whole.

—Philip Zemke

### **Complete our survey on “Spiritual Service”**

If your ministry is engaged in earthcare or spiritual social action, we want to hear about it! Twenty ministries completed our Spiritual Service survey at the April regional conference. To learn more or to complete a survey, please contact us at:

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