

## Pledge to Care for Creation

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**What is mine to do?** *Creation is so BIG—how can we make a difference, either as individuals or as a spiritual community? In Unity we know the answer is Consciousness—affirming our vision, trusting Spirit, and doing our part as co-creators to manifest it. As an individual I may accomplish only a little, but collectively we can change the world!*

*For example, when 415 families at First Unitarian Church of Portland each reduced their thermostats 1 degree, drove 2 mph slower, and replaced 3 light bulbs with compact fluorescents, they saved 580,000 pounds of carbon emissions in just one year! Together we do make a difference.*

*We invite everyone to make a sacred commitment to care for the Earth in life and in ministry.*

### I can encourage my spiritual community to:

#### Celebrate Creation

- Pray for Creation in our Sunday services.
- Celebrate Earth Day Sunday.
- Plant trees for Arbor Day.
- Sponsor a “car-free Sunday.”

#### Learn More

- Include environmental hints in our newsletter.
- Arrange for a free energy audit of our building.
- Form a “Green Team.”

#### Take Action

- Hold a yearly rummage sale or circulation day.
- Use non-disposable dishware and utensils for hospitality.
- Turn down the water heater and the thermostats.
- Use energy efficient light bulbs.
- Plant a garden plot with Unity youth.
- Adopt a highway or park for clean-up.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### As an individual I can:

#### Pray for the Earth in my daily prayer times.

*“In infinite love and wisdom,  
we honor and respect  
the sacred in all creation,  
by actively caring for creation.”*

*Earth Care Prayer*

- Spend some time outdoors / with nature every day.
- Explore ways to care for Creation on the internet.
- Recycle paper, glass, metal, and plastic.
- Use curtains and blinds to help keep heat in or out.
- Weatherize doors and windows.
- Combine errands and drive my car slower to burn less gasoline.
- Buy locally grown foods whenever possible.
- Water my lawn or garden only in the early morning or in the late evening.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who will take care of the earth? I, \_\_\_\_\_ will!!!**

I pledge to \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

***“I fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm  
and spring forth to do that which should be done by me!”***

*Charles Fillmore*