

## Environmental Groups - First Universalist

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### Environmental Justice Working Groups:

- To support environmental justice in our church and community through a faith-based, racial justice lens that aligns with our UU principles.

#### Key Focus:

- ***Our Building, Our Institution:*** To improve our building's energy footprint by promoting action on the church's recent energy audit. To educate the congregation on energy efficiency improvements they can make in their own lives.
- ***Advocacy & Legislative Response:*** To contact State and Federal legislators via postcards, calls and lobbying to encourage support of environmental legislation. Currently supporting "Clean Energy and Job Campaign".
- ***Linking Racial & Environmental Justice:*** In collaboration with Heather Hackman, to develop an integrated strategy, to share this strategy through an Earth Day sermon, and to implement this strategy through workshops.
- ***Community Solar Gardens:*** To collaborate with MUUSJA Community Solar Garden Project to develop a joint UU Community Solar Garden for Twin City area UU churches. To educate and promote Community Solar Garden subscriptions for church and congregants.
- ***Climate Change & Environmental Education:*** To provide intergenerational education on the long-term impact from climate change, and to identify tangible ways church congregants can address this challenge.
- ***Eco-Spirituality:*** Understands that humans are inextricably related to all other life forms within an interrelated, interconnected web, and this can lead to spiritually motivated engagement on environmental issues.
- ***Ethical Eating:*** To encourage meatless meals, to promote a Meatless Monday campaign, and to encourage exploration of the web for meatless recipes.

#### How to be involved:

- ***Our Building, Our Institution:*** For more information, contact Joy Throm at [joyeth@gmail.com](mailto:joyeth@gmail.com)
- ***Advocacy & Legislative Response:*** For more information, contact Cecelia Newton at [newton.cecilia@gmail.com](mailto:newton.cecilia@gmail.com)
- ***Linking Racial & Environmental Justice:***
  - Strategy development on February 16th, Earth Day Sermon on April 19th
  - For more information, contact Rev. [Jen Crow at jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org)
- ***Community Solar Gardens:***
  - Subscribe to a Community Solar Garden for individual benefits
  - For more information, contact Bill Elwood [wkewood@aol.com](mailto:wkewood@aol.com)
- ***Climate Change Education:*** For more information, contact Stan Sattinger at [sattinss@aol.com](mailto:sattinss@aol.com) or Kim Stelson at [kstelson@me.umn.edu](mailto:kstelso@me.umn.edu)
- ***Eco-Spirituality:*** For more information, contact Rev. Jen Crow at [jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org)
- ***Ethical Eating:*** For more information, contact Kathy Steinhauer at [kathys@mnfairplan.org](mailto:kathys@mnfairplan.org) or Ray Goebel at [r.goebel@hotmail.com](mailto:r.goebel@hotmail.com)