

Earth Justice Associates, August 5, 2007

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles and our Association call on and encourage us to a moral commitment to the care of the entire community of life on our one, and only, blue planet: *Earth, Terra, Gaia, Pachamama, Mankato, Hertha, Maia, Home.*

Our Seventh Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Here are ways the UUA is acting within our association, congregations and with affiliated groups in response to the dangers of extreme climate change:

Ministry for Earth is an affiliate organization of the UUA. Our mission is to facilitate and support the work of Unitarian Universalists by affirming and promoting the Seventh Principle of the UUA. Our members believe that the Earth is in peril from human activities, and for us as people of faith, this is a moral and spiritual crisis of utmost importance. www.uuministryforearth.org

A Green Sanctuary is a congregation that lives out its commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable life style for its members as individuals and as a faith community. Sustainable living is not about our material comfort (though these choices are an important part of the overall life style); it is about choosing to live in a way that nurtures life, builds relationships, and rejects material consumption as the sole determinant of happiness. <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/greensanctuary>

Statement of Conscious on the Threat of Global Warming/Climate Change: We declare by this Statement of Conscience that we will not acquiesce to the ongoing degradation and destruction of life that human actions are leaving to our children and grandchildren. We as Unitarian Universalists are called to join with others to halt practices that fuel global warming/climate change, to instigate sustainable alternatives, and to mitigate the

Earth shall be fair and all her people one, Nor til that hour shall God's whole will be done. (Holst)

As individuals, our most effective efforts to address extreme climate change must be as alert, active and organized citizens. Demanding that the government use OUR national resources and systems to address this crisis of the entire life community, holding our representatives accountable to addressing our priorities are the actions that hold the greatest promise of effective and successful remediation. Also in our role of citizens, we must, with our elected officials, hold corporations accountable and directly responsible for the enormous environmental impacts they create and control, and demand and insure that these impacts no longer be of devastating harm and destruction. None of us knew of the

impending effects of global warming/climate change with just and ethical responses. (see our Justice table, UUA issues)
<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/8061.shtml>,
<http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/globalwarming>

Earth Justice Associates; See us at the Social Justice table in Wendte Hall, and watch for news of meetings and activities in all church communications. elist:
uoakgreen@yahooroups.com

Adult RE: ongoing series of peer-led classes from NW Earth Institute. This Fall 2007 offering, Understanding Global Warming. See LEAP table sign up outside Wendte Hall. For questions: dpagano@igc.org

UULM, Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry: One of their four programs is Water Justice; issues of quality and distribution also issues regarding bottled water.
<http://www.uulmca.org/programs/water.html>

UU Religious Naturalists: Nature as the source of religious revelation.
<http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/uurn>

consequences of our patterns of consumption, but now that we do we all have a moral obligation to mitigate and heal these unintended results. And we are left with little time to do this.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. Anne Frank