



## GREEN SANCTUARY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

### PROJECT #1 COLLABORATION WITH FUSE

#### **What we have done to date:**

- Hosted a FUSE orientation for interested area churches-October 2008
- Hosted a FUSE workshop for interested area churches-February 2009
- Secured a speaking spot for FUSE at the April Jacksonville Green Expo

#### **What we still need to do (justice component):**

- Advocate for sustainable energy and green jobs as legislation comes up

#### **What the congregation will be asked to do:**

As FUSE alerts us to legislation and it is vetted by our committee, an announcement will be made during the service, and tables will be set up downstairs during coffee hour with paper, pencils and talking points. We will invite you to write letters or post cards. These will then be hand delivered or mailed to the appropriate officials.

### PROJECT #2 ETHICAL EATING

#### **What we have done to date:**

- Book discussion class, movie night, guest speaker at UUCJ
- Outing to Farmer's Market
- Booth at Tree Hill Butterfly Festival (planned for April 25)
- UUCJ Local Food Potluck (planned for May 31)

#### **What we still need to do (justice component):**

- Connect local residents to NE FL farmers markets and CSAs.
- Collaborate with *The Gleaning Network*, a national effort that started in 1988 to help move food on farms that would be wasted to the hungry.
- Assist *Waste Not Want Not* (WNWN) with their efforts. WNWN moves food that would be discarded from food stores to a central location to be distributed to the hungry.

#### **What the congregation will be asked to do:**

- Help us staff a booth at Tree Hill's Butterfly Festival to promote our GS efforts, FUSE, and our Ethical Eating efforts (area farmers markets/ The Gleaning Network/WNWN)
- Start, as individuals, to buy local produce as much as possible
- Participate in monthly "gleanings" of farms in the Hasting area so that fresh produce can be delivered to hunger relief agencies in the Green Cove Springs, St. Augustine and Jacksonville area such as Sulzbacher Center, Clara White Mission, City Rescue Mission, and Salvation Army. Volunteers of all ages and abilities can participate due to the variety of tasks involved. Gleaners are also allowed to "self glean" for themselves and neighbors if they are in need. See [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org)
- If there is enough interest, assist WNWN with their efforts by picking up food from food stores and driving it to a central location. See [www.wastenotflorida.com](http://www.wastenotflorida.com)



## GREEN SANCTUARY ACTION STEPS IN PROGRESS

(12 steps required over 4 focus areas including 2 environmental justice projects)

### SUSTAINABLE LIVING

- Recycle program started in office and social hall
- Disposables used at social events virtually eliminated
- Some of UUCJ's investments moved to a SRI Fund
- Energy conservation steps taken/green renovations planned wherever possible
- Plans to switch to non-toxic cleaning products
- Earth friendly landscape policy developed

### WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

- 08 Summer Speaker Series focused on environmental issues
- Consistent environmental focus during our regular service including words from our minister and music selections
- Our choir director has offered to plan one of our three choir programs each year with an earth centered theme.
- Quarterly outings to celebrate our natural world are being offered
- Local foods potluck planned to celebrate our efforts

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### YOUTH

- Quarterly "Words to the Children" with an environmental message
- Teens are sponsoring a CFL program to collect new CFL's for UUCJ and to recycle used CFLS for members of the congregation
- RE involvement in our Ethical Eating Project

#### ADULT

- Green Team (sustainable living) classes have been offered on a regular basis
- Regular environmental speakers to educate us about events and outreach possibilities
- Quarterly environmental movies and quarterly book reviews are being offered
- Book discussion class has been offered
- Congregation has been kept informed through our bulletin board, OS announcements, inserts, Beacon articles, UUCJ Board participation, and collaboration with other church committees

### ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

- Faiths United for Sustainable Energy (FUSE)
- Ethical Eating

