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Congregations and congregants working together to restore Earth and renew Spirit.

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Congratulations! With this letter the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, Office of Congregational Stewardship Services, is honored to formally recognize Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville as an Accredited Green Sanctuary.

We appreciate your thorough documentation of your Green Sanctuary activities - your application is very well done. Descriptions of each activity helped us understand how much you have accomplished. You have succeeded in integrating the Green Sanctuary program goals into the ongoing life of your congregation through the many projects you have carried out. Your application offers strong evidence of the positive environmental consciousness that has developed in your congregation, resulting in new behaviors and new lifestyle choices by members individually and by the congregation as a whole. You now have a great foundation for continuing action in the future.

Many of your projects were both unique and clearly well-received by your congregation. The quarterly nature outings you instituted are a great way to re-connect with nature and celebrate its beauty. Your decision to pick various locations and varying levels of difficulty for these nature outings likely led to their success. We were especially inspired by your annual Earth-centered choir program - what a wonderful worship service your minister and the choir must have presented. We were also excited to learn about your Ethical Eating work. Your work in this area appears to flow very well from one project/part to another. Gleaning is a wonderful way to use resources and help those in need; we were pleased to hear that you were able to identify two smaller food banks to receive the gleaned produce. We encourage you in your efforts to continue to FUSE and build an interfaith for environmental justice work.

We know you are looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments with your congregation. Your Green Sanctuary certificate is being sent under a separate cover for you to display in a prominent place. You will be recognized as an Accredited Green Sanctuary at General Assembly 2010 in Minneapolis, as that time nears I will send you more information.

I do hope you are proud of your accomplishments. You have truly taken the goals of the Green Sanctuary Program to heart. Again, congratulations on successfully becoming an Accredited Green Sanctuary. Your accomplishments serve as a beacon of hope, demonstrating that we can all make a difference!

To a greener faith-community and world,

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