

Attending: Gary Smith (chair), Geri Bowen, Steve Halsted, Sam Johnson, Judy Kiel, Paul Kiel, Marty Lamb, Grady McCallie, Jane Smith, Lina Galitano

Next meeting: Thursday, September 25, 7pm, Hoffmann room

Why are you part of the JCC Steering Committee? I want to:

- grow spiritually
- attract like-spirited people from the community to CUCC
- become carbon-neutral as individuals and as a congregation
- communicate in a positive, uplifting spirit; model hope-filled action to the next generation
- change public policy on climate change, food, transit
- improve the regional transit system
- decrease the impact on people who can't afford to act of climate change and prevention actions
- be strengthened and refreshed by the group's synergy, fellowship
- learn and teach
- gain in our actions from economies of scale
- transform our church grounds and building so they better reflect our values

Building on past work

Energy conservation at CUCC:

- continue to explore attic insulation, perhaps move elsewhere items stored there; possible action on Raleigh codes which hinder insulating
- tweak thermostat settings

Energy conservation in the home:

- assist NC IP&L in promoting household energy audits by Ag Extension
- look into group (with Green Tea congregations) discounts through firms such as Southern Energy Management (Lena) or Apple Blossom (Sam) for houses which don't meet Ag Extension criteria (> 2000 sq ft, >1 HVAC unit)
- consider how we can use CUCC funds to leverage home improvements suggested by household energy audits
- continue to swap questions, information, and experiences as we learn about products/processes/vendors
- Women's Center transitional homes

Education at CUCC and beyond:

- reprise God's Green Earth
- sponsor a workshop on carbon offsets

- work with Green Tea congregations on 2010 Earth Day parade and/or converging on downtown with a host of energy-efficient vehicles

Food:

- increase our use of local foods at CUCC and at home

Energy conservation in transportation:

- possible Lenten project: measure CUCC baseline fuel usage one Sunday morning, then measure usage on a carpool/bus/etc. Sunday (gallons/person): Weight Watchers model; invite Green Tea congregations, interview with Yonat Shimron, write Op-ed piece about what we learn; serve as a dry run for Earth Day 2010 event

Advocacy:

- serve as hosts to people from across NC for a UCC lobby day
- invite Green Tea congregations and all CUCC to a session with Steve Jackson & Louisa Warren of the NC Justice Center to brainstorm climate change policies/legislation with implications for low-resource people

CUCC's commitments reflected in our grounds as a public witness:

- wildlife certification project: food for wildlife and people + appealing landscape; current work on church school garden (including wheelchair accessible raised garden?) and Pilgrim House front garden
- work with Will Hooker's class in spring, prepare our list of what we want this fall

Climate disaster preparedness in our area

Green jobs

Deforestation in Democratic Republic of Congo

Sneaker recovery project: Lena will serve as contact person

Book exchange project