

## **Justice in a Changing Climate** **2008 Annual Report**

**Who:** Members from stewardship, welcoming and fellowship, social justice, community outreach, property, education ministries and others. - Geri Bowen, Heather and Chris Burkhardt, Lena Gallitano, Steve Halsted, Ron Howell, Sam Johnson, Paul Kiel, Marty Lamb, John Little, Grady McCallie, Jane and Gary Smith, Skip Stoddard, Edith Sylla – who would for you to bring your energy and/or bright ideas to curb Climate Change and join us.

**What:**

**Global warming is real and will be a disaster for everyone, rich and poor. Evidence shows that it will negatively influence the poor more than the rich, and Scripture calls us to care for our neighbors**

**Therefore CUCC will - Lead, Learn and Act - Educate ourselves, Change our practices, Provide an interfaith religious focal point and leadership on climate change and advocacy**

**Communication to CUCC:**

Website, blog, Forum, Ministry moments

**Education Events**

Thinking Green in the Bleak Mid Winter

Global Warming Science and policy

“God’s Green Earth” weekend Multigeneration education and fun event

Bus/car pool to early voting after worship and lunch

**Connecting with others beyond CUCC:**

16-congregation “Green Tea” to get to know and brainstorm work together

**Actions:**

Purchased “Mountain Top Removal” video

Made/making CUCC changes from Energy Audit

Made/making personal changes

Initiated dreaming, plans and actions to make our grounds more human, animal and climate friendly

Commenced Women’s Center Transitional House Upfit

Co-sponsored - “Averting Climate Catastrophe: Power Plants Or Clean Energy --- Who Decides?”

Co-sponsored – “TRANSIT: Is Wake County Ready for It?”

Co-sponsored - NC IPL Green Jobs event and “movement”

Enabled two young men from SEEDS to participate

Learned of “triple bottom line”

Participating in BBG-Alliance

Participated in Climate Change Rally downtown

Participated in NCIPL vigil for climate change and met with Bob Etheridge

**Group sustainability:**

Desire to grow spiritually, attract like-spirited people to CUCC, become carbon-neutral - individuals / congregation, model hope-filled action to the next generation, change public policy on climate change, food and transit, improve the regional transit system, decrease the impact on people with less resources, learn and teach, be strengthened / refreshed by group synergy / fellowship, transform our church grounds / building to reflect values

**Upcoming tentative calendar of JCC projects**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project/event</b>	<b>Group in charge/contact</b>
Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8	Thinking Green in the Bleak Midwinter	Marty L.
Winter?	View “Mountain Top Removal”/ASP fundraiser	JCC?/ASP team?
Winter	Advocacy information event (Louisa Warren)	JCC
Winter?	Home energy workshop	JCC
Feb. 27 & 28	<i>Hunger No More</i> Bread for the World conference	St. Francis of Assisi RCC
March-May	“UCC” + green tea + NCIPL board lobby day	JCC
Lent	All Things Congo (including climate change)	Joint CUCC/KCC