



EARTH CARE POLICY

To be prophetic, to become the change we know is necessary, to do the right thing now, we will take steps toward becoming a carbon-neutral and waste-free church. We will seek new approaches to our church facilities that will help the planet rather than harm it. We will take specific steps to transform consciousness through the life practices of both the congregation as a whole and our individual households through informed commitments and faithful actions. January 25, 2017

By a unanimous vote and acclamation, Session Elders adopted the following policy statement at the regularly scheduled meeting on January 25, 2017:

Green Faith: Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.

Green Learning: We will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage and support each other in finding ways of keeping and healing the creation in response to God's call to earth-keeping, justice and community.

Green Living: We will endeavor to manage our personal and congregational economies in a manner that respects and cherishes all life, human and nonhuman, in order to meet our own needs without compromising those of others, **or of the future**. We will personally pursue environmentally-friendly paths in our use of energy, transportation, recyclable materials, and other resources while keying them to our own spiritual practice. As a congregation, we will commit to overhaul our buildings and grounds to use energy and resources efficiently and sustainably.

Green Outreach: Our outreach will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.

ADOPTED BY a Unanimous Vote and Acclamation, MT. AUBURN CHURCH SESSION, January 25, 2017