

**Below are the proposed Green Sanctuary projects for 2010-11. We would welcome your participation. Please contact the identified leader, or [green.sanctuary@firstuustlouis.org](mailto:green.sanctuary@firstuustlouis.org) for more information.**

### **Worship and Spiritual Practice**

1. **Walking in Garden Meditation** – Joyce Pearl Jones  
Walking meditations would occur several times throughout the year (perhaps each season), either in our own gardens or in places like the Missouri Botanical Garden.
2. **Lay Led Service** - Betsy Grimm-Howell  
Working with the Worship Committee, we integrate all elements of the worship service to reflect the theme of respect, love and appreciation for the Earth. This summer Jean Ponzi (from Earthways) provided the “sermon;” in every lay-led service we ask members of the congregation to contribute readings, music, invocation, benediction, and prayers related to the earth stewardship theme.
3. **Solstice and Equinox celebrations** – Paulita Pranschke  
A full cycle of solstice and equinox celebrations have been completed, with outdoor readings, music, and celebration followed by a potluck in Fellowship Hall. We are now working on the next set of earth cycle celebrations.

### **Religious Education**

1. **Compost project** – Bill Chilton  
Kids in the RE program researched compost, built a small compost container, and are working to maintain it, with help of parents and teachers. The compost project will incorporate our kitchen waste as well as garden cutting, clippings and leaves. We are also composting our (many) leaves in a leaf-composting area to the west of the church building.
2. **Locavore brunch after church** – Susan Lammert  
Attendees learned about eating locally, and enjoyed food grown within 50 miles of church at a Sunday brunch sponsored by the Boston Trip Group. The local food was served on compostable or recyclable tableware, the left overs were composted and the project worked to reach zero waste. We are working to make the locavore brunch a church tradition.
3. **Edible Garden** - Jana Perea  
Plant, We will be planning, building raised beds, planting, maintaining, and harvesting edible and decorative plants in the sunny grounds facing Kingshighway. We hope this becomes an inter-generational project, and involve other church groups such as covenant groups and the Sunday school classes . As it grows, we want to create a community garden and be able to supply fresh produce to the Trinity food projects.

### **Environmental Justice**

1. **SSDN long-term collaborative project** – Jana Perea, Vicky Carlson  
The SSDN is a long-time service project which 1<sup>st</sup> U helped establish. This collaboration will involve several projects over time – an energy audit, gardening, and improving the atrium space.

**2. Energy Care** – Lisa Ross

Religious Education classes and church members assist in assembling winterization kits in early fall. Adults and older church youth work on Saturdays to help install these in community homes to increase comfort and cut energy bills.

**Sustainable Living**

**1. Switch and thermostat labeling** – Brody Wilson

Labels are being made for light switches and thermostats that indicate the amount of BTU's used, the energy saved by changing thermostat 1 degree, etc. These will provide education for church members as they use our building, and kids will be involved in learning about and putting up the labels.

**2. Retrofitting fluorescent fixtures** – Brody Wilson

The facilities committee is planning the retrofit from T12 to T8 type fluorescent fixtures as they need replacement. To move more quickly will require a fundraiser; we are suggesting a church auction item in which \$50 buys one fixture.

**3. Changing to non-toxic cleaning and landscaping products** – Lisa Ross

We have worked with the facilities and landscape committees to transition to non-toxic products.

**4. Green Corner in Fellowship Hall** – Jana Perea

We now have a table that we staff each week between services where we offer a poster with green tips each month, sign-up sheets for projects and discussion groups, and activities that promote earth awareness.

**5. Church Environmental Policy** – Lisa Ross, Brody Wilson

We are working with the Board of Directors to develop a written church policy for incorporating issues of sustainability and earth justice into church decision making.