

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 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 elsewhere (e.g., MOBG).
- 2. Lay Led Service** - Betsy Grimm-Howell
Working with the Worship Committee, we will integrate all elements of the worship service to reflect the theme of respect, love and appreciation for the Earth. Jean Ponzi (from Earthways) would provide the “sermon”, others would contribute readings, music, invocation, benediction, and prayers for the service.
- 3. Solstice and Equinox celebrations** – Lisa Ross
A solstice celebration was held Sunday Dec. 20, with outdoor readings, music, and fire, followed by a potluck in Fellowship Hall. We hope to plan more earth cycle celebrations.

Religious Education

- 1. Compost project** – Bill Chilton
Kids in the RE program will research compost, build a small compost container, and maintain it, with help of parents and teachers.
- 2. Locavore brunch after church** – Susan Lammert
Attendees would learn about eating locally, and enjoy food grown within 50 miles of church at a picnic in Tower Grove Park. Tentative date is May 16, 2010.
- 3. Edible Garden** - Jana Perea
Plant, maintain, harvest edible and decorative plants in the Kingshighway space. This could be an inter-generational project, and involve other church groups (e.g., covenant groups). It could also possibly provide food for the neighborhood.

Environmental Justice

- 1. SSDN long-term collaborative project** – Jana Perea, Vicky Carlson, Brody Wilson
This would involve several projects over time – an energy audit, gardening, and improving the atrium space.
- 2. Energy Care** – Lisa Ross
RE classes would assist in assembling winterization kits in early fall. Adults (high school age and above) would volunteer to install kits in homes in winter months.

Sustainable Living

- 1. Switch and thermostat labeling** – Brody Wilson
Labels would be made for light switches and thermostats that would indicate e.g., # BTU's used, energy saved by changing thermostat 1 degree, etc. There would be an educational component for the congregation, and kids could get involved learning about and putting up the labels.

- 2. Retrofitting fluorescent fixtures** – Brody Wilson
Retrofit from T12 to T8. This would require a fundraiser; perhaps could be an auction item e.g., \$50 buys one fixture.

- 3. Changing to non-toxic cleaning and landscaping products** – Lisa Ross
We will work with the facilities and landscape committees to transition to non-toxic products.

- 4. Green Corner in Fellowship Hall** – Jana Perea
This could involve having a table that 1 of us would staff each week after the service, having a poster with green tips each month, etc.

- 5. Church Environmental Policy** – Lisa Ross, Brody Wilson
We will work with the Board of Directors to develop a written church policy for incorporating issues of sustainability and earth justice into church decision making.