



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
MINISTRY FOR EARTH

Respect Life. Restore Earth. Renew Spirit

ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

Becoming the Town Square

*Connecting and inspiring an active community of UUs
for environmental justice, spiritual renewal, and
shared reverence for our Earth home.*

UU Ministry for Earth is helping Unitarian Universalists embrace the many aspects of truly living out our principles as part of the interdependent web of life. As more and more congregations engage with the Green Sanctuary process or incorporate an environmental ethic into church life, UUMFE is helping to focus UU environmental justice activities of our faith with resources and coordinated advocacy.

The UU Ministry for Earth Board – eight dedicated people spread across the country, ably helped by Environmental Justice Program Associate Rowan Van Ness, consultants Steve Maier and Pam Sparr, Office Manager Sabrina Louise Harle, many volunteers, and our partner



for Earth Ministry

UU organizations – have accomplished a great deal in 2010-11.

- Convened environmental leaders from the UUA, UU State Advocacy Networks, UU Service Committee, and UU Ministry for Earth to consider ways to coordinate and carry forward environmental justice work
- Coordinated UU participation in the 10/10/10 Global Work Party, an international grassroots initiative encouraging politicians to take action against global warming
- Provided resources for the 2011 Earth Day focused on Sacred Waters, including worship, educational materials, and opportunities for action
- Coordinated the 40/40 for Earth Challenge encouraging UUs to make a pledge for forty days of water awareness and action
- Completed the pilot for the first module of an Environmental Justice curriculum and received a challenge grant from the UU Funding Program to take it to completion. It will be one of the first national curricula of any faith tradition to deeply link anti-racism/anti-oppression training with environmental theology, spirituality, ethics, and advocacy.
- In addition to a challenge grant for EJ curriculum, received UU Funding Program Fund technical assistance grants for fundraising and website enhancement and have begun to use them
- Signed on to dozens of letters sent to the US President, Congress, and Governmental Agency Secretaries, reflecting the values passed by General Assemblies in Statements of Conscience, Actions of Immediate Witness, and General Resolutions
- Deepened our commitment to environmental justice by devoting resources to a training on anti-racism and environmental justice
- Through a challenge grant from the UU Funding Program, assisted four Districts in holding conferences aimed at strengthening

Becoming the Town Square—continued

environmental leadership and networking

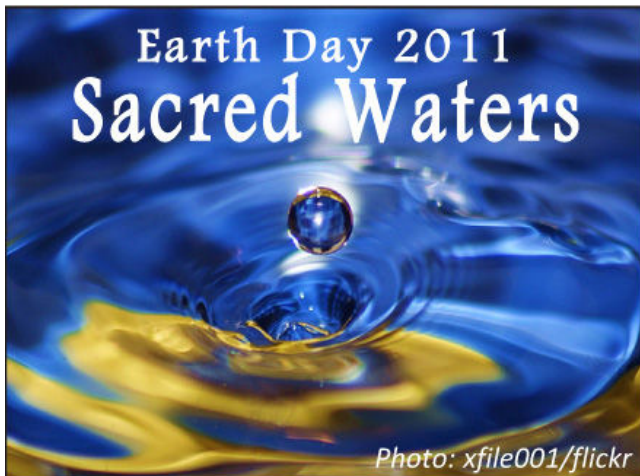
- Coordinated a Climate Change Collaborative with representatives from the UUA, UU Ministry for Earth, UU United Nations Office, and UU State Advocacy Networks to collaborate on issues of climate change, to make their joint work more effective
- Provided regular newsletters, eNEWS, and Facebook postings with resources, stories of effective congregational action, and other news
- Monitored the Green Sanctuary listserv
- Worked with UU staff on communicating environmental activities and the CSW witness program.
- Participated at General Assembly with a booth and a workshop on Environmental Justice
- Partnered with the Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance for an annual meeting dinner and presentation of the film, *No Impact Man*

For Earth,

Nancy King Smith

Irene Keim

Co-Chairs, Board of Directors



Guardian of the Future Award



The third annual UUMFE
Guardian of the Future Award
was presented at General Assembly.

The 2010 honoree was

Lori Sands

Ginger Hill
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Slippery Rock, PA

For her passionate advocacy for local
and sustainably-produced food.

Treasured Volunteers

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Special Acknowledgements

To the members who contributed more than the basic membership, we are especially grateful. We have listed two groups below.

- ◆ The generous Parents for the Planet supporters
- ◆ UU congregations who supported UU Ministry for Earth beyond the annual membership level with special collections, split-the-plate collections and donations May 2010 - June 2011

Parents for the Planet

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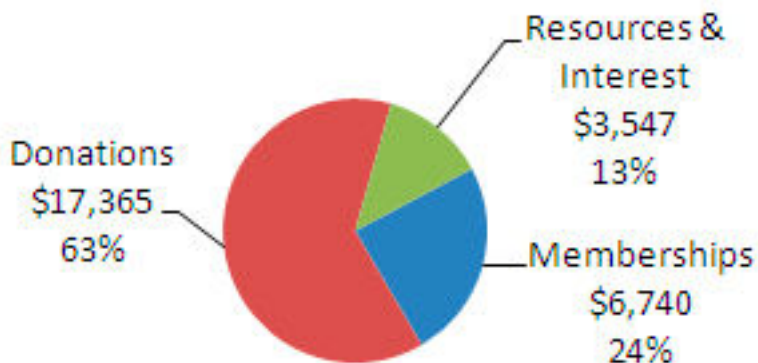
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Financial Summary, May 2010 -- April 2011

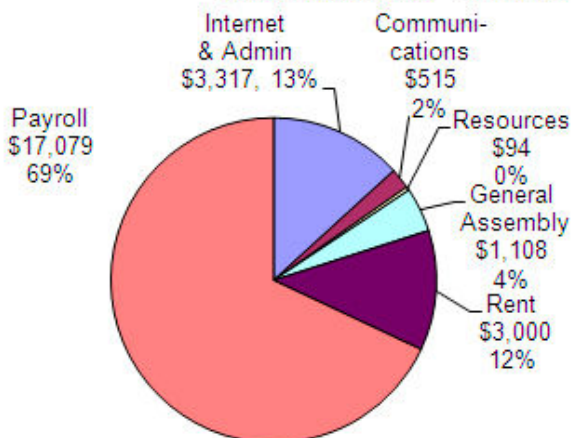
Income, July 2010 -- April 2011

Total Income = \$27,652



Expenses, July 2010-Apr. 2011

Total Expenses = \$25,613



Income and expenses for Environmental Justice intern not included.

Mission Statement

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