

Seventh Principle

“Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

Unitarian Universalist Association
Principles and Purposes

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Our Mission:

To educate, inspire, and organize opportunities that enable members of All Souls Church to lead environmentally sustainable, just and and Spirit-filled lives individually and collectively through the life of this church.

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We will seek to model this for members and the wider world through transforming ourselves, the culture, and the operations of our church.

*Check out our website!
Did you see our bulletin board?
Read our weekly green tips*

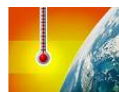
Sample Accomplishments



❶ **GREEN SANCTUARY:** Implementing since Fall 2006 our church’s 12-point, two-year action plan to become a UUA-certified Green Sanctuary.

❷ **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:** Sponsored the sermon and action fair for Environmental Justice Sunday 2006 on the topic of Global Warming.
* Working with ASC’s anti-racism and multicultural groups to influence plans for church growth.

❸ **GLOBAL WARMING:** Sponsored films, held events and classes, and played a key role in the UUA’s Statement of Conscience.



❹ **WASTEWISE:** First congregation in the US to actively participate in the EPA’s WasteWise voluntary program to reduce solid waste.



❺ **YOUTH EDUCATION:** Created an experiential education program for ASC youth: “Talking Trash.”

❻ **ASC ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT:** Pioneered analysis of our church’s “environmental footprint.”

❼ **RECYCLING:** Established a formal system of recycling paper, aluminum, glass, and more.
*Hired a city-certified, unionized waste-hauler.



❽ **FAIR TRADE:** Initiated *selling* FT beverages on Sundays * Selling FT items like chocolate and coffee * Exploring a study tour in Central America.



❾ **ZERO TRASH :** Went from 5 ZT lunches in 2003 to weekly in 2006. ZT as a concept is spreading...

❿ **SPIRITUAL NURTURING:** Worked with Sr. Minister to create annual Earth Sunday celebration. * Partnered with our resident theatre group The KUMBA Players, to create the musical *Save the Humans*.



1. The Seventh Principle is integral to our **religious life** in church, including worship services, religious education for **children and adults**, and social justice efforts. Nature and **environmental justice** are brought into our **spiritual lives** and consciousness more.
2. We have an energy efficient and otherwise environmentally sound, renovated **building and grounds** such that we are a model for others with sacred or historic buildings. We show how **beauty**, historical **integrity**, functionality, and **environmental responsibility** can be happily married.
3. We are a model for being a **non-car-dependent church** (for urban churches with a sizeable suburban membership).
4. Our endowments and other **financial accounts** are invested in a “**green**” and “**socially responsible**” way, and members are encouraged to do likewise.
5. We are known and **respected nationally** among Unitarian Universalists and the larger environmental and environmental justice communities for our advocacy efforts.
6. There are excellent **communication** systems in place about our activities and the purposes of those activities - within the church and externally.



Get Involved

Join the green momentum
at All Souls Church!

Learn More and Contact Us:

Webpage

www.all-souls.org

Click the link named
Environmental Committee

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Bulletin board

At the 15th Street corridor

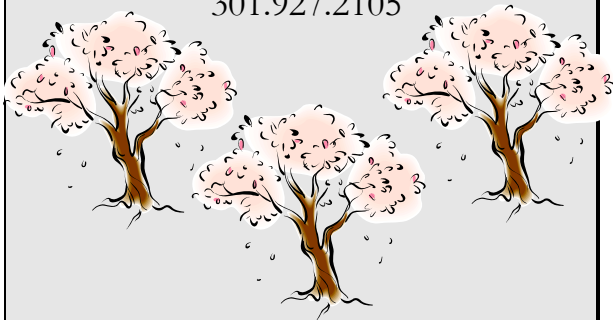
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*We are the birds of the same nest,
We may wear different skins,
We may speak different languages,
We may believe in different religions,
We may belong to different cultures,
Yet we share the same home -
OUR EARTH.*

*Born on the same planet,
Covered by the same skies,
Gazing at the same stars,
Breathing the same air,
We must learn to happily progress together
Or miserably perish together.*

*For man can live individually,
But can survive only collectively.*

*- Atharva Veda
Ancient Indian Scripture*



Seventh Principle Committee

Our Goal

*To transform
the people and practices of
All Souls Church
into a beacon of
environmental sustainability
and justice.*

See Inside

**Our Mission
Our Accomplishments
Our Vision**

Seventh Principle Committee
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