



*Green Sanctuary*  
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*Congregations working to restore Environmental Sustainability and Justice, and renew Spirit.*

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Dear Penny and the good people of Unitarian Coastal Fellowship,

I am delighted to deliver the news that your congregation is now an Accredited Green Sanctuary! Congratulations all. The review team was inspired by the level of dedication and creativity they found through the report of the environmental ministry of your congregation. It seems that this ministry is part of who you are as a congregation, which is the purpose of the Green Sanctuary Program and for which we are deeply grateful.

From the high level of participation in “Our Whole Lives” while sharing it with your Episcopal partners, to your engagement with anti-oppression work through voters’ rights, Moral Monday and training, your commitment to education and building partnerships is admirable! The team acknowledges that you grow broad and deep roots for continued opportunity to do powerful work in coalition.

From your work with hurricane resilience and Interfaith Power and Light, to purchasing a kayak to support the ability of veterans to access nature, your work reaches not only into coalition, but serves as presence to those who tend to be marginalized. The team felt strongly the richness of your authenticity and commitment.

All of these qualities will be so necessary as we position ourselves as people of faith to leverage change and be better partners to those most impacted by climate disruption and environmental degradation. We thank you for your beautiful work and feel certain you will continue this ministry into the future.

One last note is that we believe your experiences could benefit other congregations. Your projects will be added to the new Green Sanctuary searchable database so congregations who wish to be in touch about particular projects can find you. We would like to suggest that you consider sharing some of your more unusual work through the Green Sanctuary email list where leaders throughout the continent can connect with it. Finally, we hope you will consider supporting one of your team

members to become a volunteer coach for congregations who want additional support as they work on Green Sanctuary.

With deep regard and thanks for your ministries and For All Earth,

Karen

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