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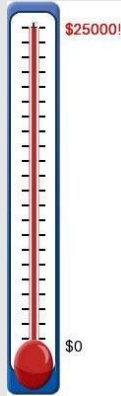
Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition
encouraging sustainability in faith communities

Newsletter, January 2012

Our Mission

To partner with, encourage, and assist faith groups to preach, teach, model, and advocate for sustainable living and ecological justice for all creation

We Reached Our Goal!



A heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed.

Calendar

Save these dates:

Monday, January 9
SSC General Membership Meeting
7:00-9:00 pm
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Rd.
Prairie Village, KS
[click here for more info](#)

Tuesday, January 31
Climate Change Communication Workshop
7:00-9:00 pm
Village Presbyterian Church
click [here](#) for more info

Saturday, January 28
Environmental Summit,
Missouri Votes Conservation Education Fund,
University of Missouri

Living our planetary ONENESS...

by Carol Meyer, Executive Director



A fierce determination to make positive change fills the air as a new year begins. Hope springs up in spite of everything. But it and the possibility of real change will ultimately fizzle out unless we alter our consciousness. We need to stop thinking and living out of an inaccurate worldview that science has long since repudiated.

Although things appear to be separate, they are not. Solid research has proven that all things in the universe, including us, are connected and interdependent. Saying we are ONE is not just sentimental hype or religious idealism. It is fact, and we need to act out of this realization because it is crucial to the survival and wellbeing of all life. [Continue reading...](#)

We reached our 2011 fund raising goal of \$25,000!

A special thanks to everyone who gave and encouraged their friends to give as well. We plan to put your donations to good use in 2012.

We're excited about several new programs we are developing, advocacy emphasis, a speakers' bureau, and more direct work with congregations.

Happy New Year!

Why won't *they* listen and change?

Have you ever wondered why some people don't seem to "get it?" Why, in spite of all the evidence about climate change, many people remain indifferent?

Join us on January 31 for an important workshop based on scientific research into the psychology of climate change communication. Click [here](#) for a flier with more

Columbia, MO
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Words of Wisdom

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

Alan Kay

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive. then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

Harold Whitman



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information.

ACTION: Attend the workshop on January 31 to learn more and become a more effective communicator.

Tips to Simplify Your Purchasing in 2012...

Deciding to live more simply and consuming less can benefit you and the Earth. Here are some tips to lessen your purchases:

- Before you buy, ask yourself: Will this simplify my life?
- Have a 30-day waiting list for things you want to buy, and the urge may go away.
- Cut off sources of advertising (TV, magazines, newspaper fliers, malls, festivals, etc.).
- Use public resources; don't think you have to own it; share with others.
- Don't try to "keep up with the Jones."
- Examine your belief that more is better, which brings no peace.
- Keep the poor before your eyes.
- Observe your desires and see what you really want.
- Be realistic about the time involved with a certain possession.
- Separate your ego and possessions.
- Deepen your spiritual life, get meaning from serving, and the desire to buy will diminish.

ACTION: Watch for an SSC workshop on Simple Living coming in February!

Need an Earth-Care Speaker for Your Church or Synagogue?

SSC has several people who would love to make an environmental presentation at your congregation. If you want something theological, biblical, or spiritual, we can talk about Earth care from those perspectives. If you want something practical, we can do that too. If you need a speaker for a group or class, keep us in mind.

Call Carol at 913-677-8672 to explore options and topics.



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