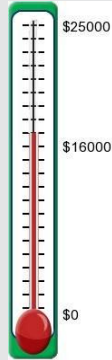




Our Mission

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

We're nearing our goal. Please help us reach the top by Dec. 15. All gifts are matched, and thus **doubled!**



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Welcome to a new staff member!

Tom Anderson has recently joined the staff of SSC as a part-time communications coordinator. Tom is an author, inspirational speaker, workshop leader, and business man who brings many years of success to our organization.



Welcome, Tom!

To contact Tom:

toma@sustainablesanctuary.org

"When your life is filled with the desire to see the holiness in everyday life, something magical happens: ordinary life becomes extraordinary, and the very process of life begins to nourish your soul."

Rabbi Harold Kushner

Support SSC's faith-based work for the Earth

Help us meet our challenge grant of \$25,000!



Happy Thanksgiving

This is the time of year when we take time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Here at SSC we especially want to give thanks to the Shumaker Family Foundation and to all of you who have supported the work of this organization through your generous financial support.

Your money has been put to good use. This past year, we strengthened our organization and its effectiveness by maximizing the talents and dedication of our Board, committees, and volunteers. Carol Meyer was hired as Executive Director and a part-time communications coordinator was recently hired as well (see side bar at left). We trained 320 participants in how to green their congregations through 13 varied educational programs, which included the *Awakening the Dreamer* symposium, green team training, and facility manager and clergy workshops.

As we look ahead to 2012, we are envisioning new and innovative ways to engage area congregations in Earth care. We plan to develop a first-rate speakers' bureau, more ecology and spirituality offerings, more hands-on projects for congregations, and well as continue our current offerings.

Of course, all of this takes money. We are once again being supported by the Shumaker Family Foundation but we need to match their generosity with funds raised from supporters like you in order to take full advantage of the grant.

If you have not given in the past, consider doing so today. If you are a previous donor, would you be willing to increase your previous giving amount? Every bit helps.

We take seriously our moral and spiritual responsibility to stop the current ecological decline which causes untold human suffering. We believe the need is critical and that our response must be wholehearted and passionate. We work toward the day when Earth stewardship will be embraced as the sacred responsibility of all. Won't you support this work with your tax deductible financial gift?

Please take the time today to put a check in the mail. Our address appears in the column to the left. Alternatively, you can donate via our [website](#) by clicking on the "Donate" button on the right side of the page.

Together we can make a difference.

Thank you for your support and many blessings to you and yours this Thanksgiving Holiday season.

ACTION: To have your donation doubled,



All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it.

from United Methodist Social Principles

If you want to cultivate peace, protect Creation.

-Pope Benedict XVI

For the Muslim, humankind's role on earth is that of a Khalifah - viceroy or trustee of Allah. We are Allah's stewards and agents on Earth. We are not masters of this Earth; it does not belong to us to do what we wish. It belongs to Allah and He has entrusted us with its safekeeping.

His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Omar Naseef



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Great Response to Facility Manager and Clergy Workshops!



We recently had the pleasure of hosting two workshops that were informative, well attended, and helped to further the work of the SSC.

In August, 60 people attended our facility managers' workshop and went home enthused and ready to put into practice what they learned about energy efficiency/conservation; sustainable landscaping; eco-friendly cleaning; responsible purchasing and recycling; and green building and renovations.

On October 25, twenty-one clergy and lay leaders learned how they could be effective leaders in Earth Care in their congregations. Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of [GreenFaith](#), gave an in-depth presentation on the religious narrative/scriptures that support the intersection of faith and activism on behalf of the environment. [Click here to view his PowerPoint presentation](#). It is well worth viewing! Local clergy also shared successful ways they are greening their congregations.

ACTION: View Rev. Harper's presentation and forward it on to your clergy. It is very useful for preaching and teaching about Earth stewardship.

7 Reasons Why the Public is not Engaged on Climate



by Cara Pike, greenbiz.com

The fate of climate programs and policies, both in terms of adoption and implementation, depends in large part on the level of public engagement. Regrettably, the overall lack of widespread buy in among the American public has doomed numerous efforts in recent years.


It is important to understand why this is so; it is difficult to overcome barriers if you don't know what is getting in the way. [Read more.](#)

ACTION: Read this article and share the ideas with your friends.

Calling all volunteers!

Do you have a passion for the Earth and a desire to work with like-hearted friends?

Do you have some particular talents and skills you'd like to put to good use in service to a worthy cause?



Are you looking for a way to get involved with helping the environment but not sure where to start?

Well, look no further because SSC can use your help. We have several new initiatives in the works for 2012 and we can use all the help we can find. Please contact our Executive Director, Carol Meyer, today to explore ways you can help us make a difference for the Earth.

ACTION: Contact SSC today and get involved.

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