



Green Sanctuary Program 2030

Stage 3: Action Plan

Candidate Status for either Accreditation or Reaccreditation

Congregation Name : First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa

City or town in which congregation is located Ottawa, Canada

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NOTE: The Environmental Action Group (our Green Sanctuary Team) is assumed to be a lead or partner in all projects.

MITIGATION is action to reduce the causes of the global warming trend of climate change. Mitigation is essential for climate justice. Robust mitigation will reduce the risks of severe, climate impacts and make possible a transition to a sustainable and just future for all. Mitigation action needs to reduce global net carbon emissions by around 45% by 2030 and to near zero by mid-century, according to scientific analysis in the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) (IPCC) reports.

A. Mitigation Campaign

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Congregational Action						
1. Congregational Energy Use Reduction Goal: 45% reduction by 2030, carbon neutral by 2050 (using City of Ottawa's Energy	- Calculate current carbon footprint - undertake thermal imaging of building and prepare report on opportunities to	Property Team, Campus Planning, CoEnergy (an Ottawa green energy co-operative)	Reduction in emissions in line with carbon reduction goal	Annual tracking of energy usage and emissions	2021 ongoing	Baseline carbon footprint calculated; thermal imaging completed winter 2021. Heat pump/Air conditioner installed in Fellowship Hall in 2022. Hoping to work with Greening Sacred Spaces Ottawa on benchmarking and further building improvements. Have continued to purchase renewal nature gas from Bullfrog

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Evolution methodology as a guide)	reduce heat loss - develop action plan to achieve goals and being implementation - continue purchase of renewable natural gas as interim measure (i.e. Bullfrog Power)					Power which we started doing in 2015. We have converted a stove and hot water heating from gas to electric. Further decarbonization will likely wait for further work with campus development, later in 2024, as it will likely impact options that the church might undertake. Overall, the congregation is committed to the decarbonization targets as outlined.
2. 'Greening' of Congregational investments	- promote investing portion of congregational investments in 'green' companies (building on earlier action to divest from fossil fuels)	Finance Committee	Increased investments in green companies/ technologies to support energy transition & other mitigation or adaptation strategies.	- Congregational decision to invest 15% of funds in 'green' investments; annual monitoring of investments with possible further increases in green investments	Congregation decision – June 2021; ongoing Possible increased investments – 2024?	In 2014 the congregation was the second faith community in Canada to divest from fossil fuels. Although this has helped discourage fossil fuels, other investment indirectly support fossil fuels. So as a result, a decision taken at June 2021 Annual General Meeting to invest 15% of funds in green companies. There are ongoing discussions about getting the remaining 85% of funds away from investments which may indirectly support fossil fuels. There is also discussion about moving banking accounts away from a bank which invests in fossil fuels to a credit union which does not. We hope to advance this, this year.
3. Applying a 'climate lens' to congregational decisions	- develop policy to implement a 'climate lens' to ensure purchasing and other decisions are moving us towards our carbon reduction goals; policy to include	Governance Committee, Hospitality Team, Property Team, staff	Reduced purchase of single-use plastics Less waste/increased recycling	- policy in place and being followed; - purchases/policies and operations adhere to 'climate lens'	2022	Draft plastics policy developed but set aside in favour of more comprehensive environmental policy

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	eliminating single-use plastics					
4. Sustainable campus development including new affordable and mixed income housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to advocate for highest environmental standards on any new development on campus - determine if campus development could help the existing campus/local area become carbon neutral -protect & maximize green space/ecological assets 	CPC Others on campus (Unitarian House, River Parkway Children’s Centre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no fossil fuel for normal operations adopted in development plan for affordable/ mixed income housing on campus -buildings situated in green environment for mental & physical health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - criteria for development include environmental standards - new development meets established criteria -‘whole of campus’ plan adopted to preserve/enhance green space/ecological assets 	2020/ongoing	<p>Goals and guiding principles for development approved by congregation in 2019 included requirement that ‘a substantial amount of green space be preserved on the campus’ and that “Green”, environmentally sound principles must be used in the design and execution of any developments, including measures to adapt to and mitigate the current and anticipated effects of climate change.</p> <p>In 2021, a comprehensive report was completed on the existing ecological assets of the campus, as input to development of campus plan.</p> <p>In 2022, EAG input provided to development of Master Concept Plan which was approved by the congregation in Oct 2022. New development will be net zero and a small scale geothermal district energy system for new and existing buildings on the campus is being considered.</p>
Encouraging Action by Individual Congregants						
5. Energy Use Reduction Campaign (Individual Congregants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage congregants to measure their carbon footprint and to undertake thermal imaging by making thermal imaging cameras available 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - congregational survey - self-reporting by congregants on reductions - number of congregants participated in thermal imaging 		<p>Presentation done on carbon footprint on Dec 13, 2020 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaSDSf9a-M0&list=PLNS-V1W7ZzRXd-XYCbWOBx_riOI9RhSmn&index=2</p> <p>Information on reducing carbon footprint shared in eUU and on Climate Action Page, including on food, clothing, Christmas gifts.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - information to congregation on ways to reduce carbon footprint: Information may include: -home energy use, including info on new government rebates for energy efficient upgrades -how and where we travel, including electric vehicles - install electric vehicle car charger(s) on church campus to help congregants with or considering an EV -how we save, insure and invest (Banks, investments, pensions) 					<p>EV 'fair' held as part of Earth Day events in 2019 and 2021 with EV owners on hand to answer questions.</p> <p>Installation of EV charger delayed; funds used to support installation of heat pump.</p> <p>Webinar hosted with Climate Legacy and Group of 78 , Adam Scott: on Finance, Climate Risk, and How to Make your Pension Fund Climate Friendly Nov 24, Dec 11 2020; article in March 2021 Spire; Earth Speaks on Banking and Fossil Fuels, May 2021.</p> <p>At end of the four year focus, congregants left post it notes on boards asking: "What were the two most important things learned over the four years; two actions they had taken to improve their carbon footprint; and two actions they planned to take." Results were summarized and recorded in the Spire and on the Climate Action Page.</p> <p>Month long Survey of congregation before "The Earth is Tired". See B2.</p>

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	- Carbon Footprint Successes Campaign: Sticky Notes on large cardboard footprint showing ways congregants reduced their carbon footprint and/or ways they propose to reduce their footprint					
6. Lower Your Carbon Footprint Around How You Eat Campaign	<p>- 10-week campaign to challenge congregants to lower their carbon footprint around food, e.g. more meat free days, reducing dairy consumption, composting / reducing food waste</p> <p>- vegan cook book from recipes collected from congregants</p>		<p>- increased awareness of impacts of diet/food choices on carbon footprint</p> <p>- congregants eating more plant-based diet meals</p> <p>-increased opportunity to try out vegan recipes</p>	<p>- feedback from participants on increased awareness, changes to eating habits (more plant based diet meals), food waste (measured through survey at end of challenge)</p> <p>-number of congregants using cookbook</p>	<p>Spring 2021</p> <p>2023.</p>	<p>Fairly small number of participants completed evaluation despite prizes for participants. Good participation in recipe donation.</p> <p>We had an Earth Speaks presentation from the group 'Second Harvest' which emphasized reducing food waste.</p> <p>Input from congregants received; cookbook still under development.</p>
7. Spring-free from Plastics Campaign	- 6 week campaign to challenge	Congregation	- increased awareness of how	- evaluation and feedback from	Spring 2022	While only a few congregants participated in our Final Week's summing up of their "Plastics Experiences", we did have a

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	<p>congregant to look at the part plastics play in their lives and to seek ways to decrease their plastics use.</p> <p>-to eliminate the use of single-use plastics</p>		<p>pervasive plastics are and how challenging it is to eliminate them.</p> <p>- increased awareness of ways to reduce plastic use</p> <p>- reduction in use of single-use plastics</p>	<p>participants solicited at end of campaign</p>		<p>number of verbal, written and email contributions to our HOWZIT GOING BOARDS. We also had some excellent sharings in “breakout rooms” at several Hospitality Hours. Lots of ideas of how to limit our plastic footprint. These were listed under “R” Headings ...Rethink;Refuse;Replace;Reduce;Reuse;Recycle . Summary published in the Jun 22 Spire (FirstU’s quarterly newsletter) and on the Climate Action Page.</p>
Broader Action						
<p>8. Advocacy at the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government for positive and decisive action on climate change</p> <p>Advocacy for primary and secondary divestment from fossil fuels and investment in green and sustainable energy by major pension funds and banks</p>	<p>-Encourage congregants to send letters and sign petitions in support of advocacy campaigns through EnviroAdvocacy actions in weekly newsletter (eUU)</p> <p>- Seek Board approval of letters/public positions on behalf of the congregation</p>	<p>External Environmental Organizations, Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ)</p>	<p>Increased awareness of and involvement in advocacy campaigns</p>	<p>Periodic congregational survey.</p> <p>Victories (partial or complete) of advocacy actions</p>	<p>Ongoing until climate justice prevails</p>	<p>Have undertaken letter writing as members of the congregation and by the Board on behalf of the congregation, participated in public meetings and in demonstrations including issues such as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -adoption of municipal Energy Evolution Plan (successful) - federal adoption of Net Zero Emissions Accountability Act (partial success) - phase-out of natural gas from province’s electrical supply system (ongoing) - fossil-fuel divestment by Ontario pension funds (ongoing) -Support a call for congregants to contribute citizen input to Bill C-12 (<i>Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act</i>) to encourage government to improve legislation Advocacies 2022 - 2.Supported a letter writing campaign to Environment Minister Stephen Guilbeault to re-introduce the outdated and inadequate Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To federal Minister of Agriculture: PREVENT FOOD WASTE: SAVE EDIBLE FOOD 2. To Gov’t of Canada; Gov’t of Ontario; Ottawa City Council opposing DESTRUCTION OF OLD GROWTH TREES TO BUILD A PARKING GARAGE for a new hospital and raising awareness about the increasing developer pressure on the city's greenspace, including our Experimental Farm, a National

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						<p>Historic Site.</p> <p>3. To Gov't of Canada DAY OF ACTION FOR JUST TRANSITION TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY</p> <p>4. Global, national and local actions on decreasing the use of plastics and strengthening plastic bans.</p> <p>5. To Municipal Govt: supporting STRONGER GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS</p> <p>6. To congregation at time of THE ONTARIO ELECTION Take the pledge to Vote for the Environment</p> <p>7. To federal Members of Parliament to SUPPORT CLIMATE JUSTICE BILL 226 (passed but not unanimously)</p> <p>8. To the City of Ottawa to Support Global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT)</p> <p>9. To Federal Gov't ... End Climate Delay: Day of Action: Kanata</p> <p>10. To Local City Council ... Support Energy evolution, Ottawa's primary strategy to fight change</p> <p>11. To Gov't of Ontario... Extension Cord Protest: Import Clean Energy from Quebec</p> <p>12. To Gov't of Ontario ... Protesting proposal to increase gas plants in Ontario</p> <p>13. To Gov't of Ontario ... Multiple protests against Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act which supports developers not Ontarions (some success)</p> <p>Advocacies 2023</p> <p>1. To provincial government: Continuing protests against Bill 23</p> <p>2. Government of Canada: protesting Federal Fossil Fuel Subsidies</p> <p>3. Contribute to federal government public comment on</p>

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						<p>“Proposed Zero Emission Vehicle Regulations” (ZEV Regs)</p> <p>4. Decolonial Solidarity: Support Wet'suwet'en land defenders ... Protest against RBC's investment in the Coastal Gas Pipeline</p> <p>5. EARTH DAY IN MONTREAL SUPPORT AN ECOLOGICAL, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY</p> <p>6. To the federal government: push for 100% clean electricity across the country by 2035. RALLY UPDATE: 39,864 signatures delivered to Minister Gilbeault on Parliament Hill on Monday.</p> <p>7. Support Fridays for Future at the Global Climate Strike at Parliament Hill on September 15. Demand climate reparations and climate justice</p> <p>8. To Municipal and Provincial levels of government: Time to Green the Yellow School Buses</p>

ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE - Adaptation is the process of (a) reducing vulnerabilities to the harmful effects of climate change (b) making the most of potentially beneficial opportunities associated with positive responses to the crisis. Resilience is the capacity to maintain function in the face of external stresses created by the climate-change crisis.

B. Adaptation/Resilience Campaign

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Congregational Action						
1. 'Greening' and adapting campus property for climate change	- building on Ecological Asset Assessment Report done of campus property in 2020, develop action plan to preserve and enhance assets while preparing for impacts of climate changes (e.g depaving some areas to allow greater water absorption; increasing diversity of plants and eliminating noxious	- Property Team, Campus Planning, Unitarian House, Meditation Garden team, EAG	- preservation and enhancement of campus's ecological assets -	- completion of 'greening' action plan	2021 ongoing	Thoughts on this? The result of the ecological assessment fed heavily into the campus planning by ensuring preservation of the memorial and meditation gardens and in preserving a wetland area in the north area of the campus. Also, the Ajashki program has

	<p>invasive species; exploring options for gathering water run-off)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obtain necessary approvals and begin implementing plan ; use as opportunity to educate congregants on greening measures 					<p>moved to the use to collection of rain barrels to water the outdoor food crops.</p>
<p>2. Building Congregational mental health and emotional resilience through Photovoice/Storytelling and Hope in Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photovoice/Storytelling and Digital Album project: participants share photos depicting environmental angst and their inspiration and commit to personal climate action - Hope to Action: Transforming Environmental Anxiety to Empowerment workshop based on Joanna Macy's book - "Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in Without Going Crazy" - Continue to work with MHSAG on actions to address mental health and emotional resilience 	<p>Mental Health Support and Action Group (MHSAG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increased commitment to personal climate action among participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of participants in Photovoice/ storytelling; and - number of participants in Hope to Action workshop and feedback 	<p>Spring 2021 & ongoing</p>	<p>-Partnership between EAG and MHSAG; 30 participants (intergenerational) in the creation of the PhotoVoice/StoryTelling Digital Album, 15 participants in the Hope in Action Workshop.</p>
<p>Building Emotional Resilience Through Music and Spoken Word</p>	<p>EAG hosted <i>The Earth is Tired</i>, a unique environmental experience to mark the culmination of First U's four year congregational focus on Climate Action. The Aella Vocal Ensemble's performance speaks to the collective feelings of climate anxiety and grief that have been intensifying in recent years, while leaving audience members feeling empowered, aware, and hopeful. As well, the EAG hosted six</p>	<p>Aella Vocal Ensemble; plus six Ottawa Environmental Groups</p>	<p>Recognition among participants that environmental action can make participants feel empowered and hopeful. Opportunity to meet and exchange thoughts with environmental</p>	<p>Attendance; Response of Audience and Environmental Groups</p>	<p>Nov 5, 2023</p>	<p>Great success! Sellout. Beautiful and inspiring concert. Very positive feedback from audience and environmental groups.</p>

	environmental groups active in Ottawa before and after the concert.		groups			
2. Preparing for climate emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop/update emergency plan for congregation and campus partners - develop an emergency plan for contacting congregants in a climate emergency 	Office staff, Caring Network	- increased awareness of and preparedness for climate emergencies	- emergency plan in place	Spring 2023	<p>Work on this has stalled; any thoughts on whether/how we pick it up?</p> <p>There is discussion about the purchase of some shareable battery storage which could be lent to congregants during a protected power failure. The could use it to power critical things such as sump pumps or fridges and freezers.</p> <p>This purchase is on a list of prospective bigger ticket items which we could move off on as we have funds to do so.</p>
Action by Individual Congregants						
3. Educating Congregants on preparing for climate emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of survival kit information and follow-on workshop - simplified emergency response plan/checklist (i.e. who to contact) 	- Canadian Assoc. of the Club of Rome	Increased awareness of emergency preparedness measures	Feedback on workshop	Fall 2022	The City of Ottawa has recently published very good material on emergency preparedness. Future action includes making sure congregants are aware of this information.
Broader Community Action						
3. Human Systems: Adaptation and Resilience	- establish emergency response team to determine best and most effective way to provide community assistance during weather emergency	- Office admin, Property Team, campus partners (Unitarian House, River Parkway Children's Centre, Or Hanesmah, other	System & resources in place to respond to climate emergencies	Emergency system response systems in place	Fall 2023	No action.

	- Ajashki helping building resilience of FFW and congregation through food production; share learnings from Ajashki project related to food security and climate resilience	local congregations - Ajashki Circle of Support	Increased awareness of ways to use gardening/nature to increase resilience	number of congregants involved; number of FFW,	2022 ongoing	Indoor aeroponic towers providing year-round food production in place, starting with 2 in 2021 and now up to 4.
4. Natural Systems : Adaptation and Resilience:	- support Ecology Ottawa's biodiversity and Tree Giveaway programs - linking and supporting community efforts topossible Healing to food forest	Ecology Ottawa (EO), Ajashki Food Security initiative TRAG, Ajashki	Increased involvement with and support for Ecology Ottawa	Track number of events & participants	2021 ongoing	- successful EO Tree Giveaway held at church on Sept 26/21 with additional trees provided by Ajashki

JUSTICE: Working in partnership with communities who experience and confront the reality that the greatest impacts of the climate crisis are disproportionately imposed on those (a) historically oppressed and least responsible for the crisis (b) with the fewest resources with which to face the crisis while already under environmental stresses, *and* (c) future generations. These communities are sometimes referred to as front-line, vulnerable or marginalized.

C. Justice Campaign

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1. Ajashki Food Security Initiative	Ajashki is an Indigenous-led, food sovereignty, community garden that aims to educate the next generation of caretakers for the earth, promote cultural revitalization and support understanding in Indigenous-Settler relations. Key Steps	- Kitigan Zibi First Nation - Parkdale Food Centre - Youth Services Bureau - Nature Canada - Unitarian House (yr 2) Internal:	See attached logic model.	- testimonials from youth Future Food Warrior participants - food provided to local social service organizations - number and success of	2021-23	Status: - In 2021, received funding for two Future Food Warriors, one through Ottawa's Youth Service bureau and the other through Nature Canada's Work to Grow Program. - \$30,000 approved from

	<p>Year One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop partnership with young Indigenous farmer, Kayoki Whiteduck, who will lead the project - create Circle of Support including Indigenous elders - assist in seeking funding from different granting agencies - support creation of gardens on church property, including clearing weeds, bringing in soil, creating beds - register Ajashki as a Heart Garden with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada - bring on youth 'food warriors' to learn Indigenous farming practices - provide produce to local food bank. <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - subject to additional funding, continue to work with our Indigenous partners to expand Ajashki as an Indigenous Learning Centre, teaching young Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth respect for the land, about plants and growing techniques and encourage interest in related careers; will also more fully engage congregants and campus partners 	<p>Ajashki Circle of Support, Truth and Reconciliation Action Group (TRAG), Global Justice Action Group, Mental Health Support and Action Group, Board of Directors.</p>		<p>workshops (e.g. Earth Speaks) with congregants and others</p>		<p>Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) to enable Ajashki to continue working throughout fall 2021 and into winter/spring 2022; in 2023, grants from Ottawa Community Foundation enabled the program to continue and expand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2023, program has grown to have 11 FFW <p>(see Final Report – Justice for further information)</p>
2. Indigenous Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage and strengthen relationships with local Indigenous organizations and elders to maintain and build relations, reconciliation and mutual understanding. - Speakers Series to include Indigenous 	TRAG	TBD	TBD	2021	<p>Delete?</p> <p>An indigenous sharing circle played a key role in the development of the Ajashki program</p>

	Knowledge keepers, artists to promote learning about Indigenous culture - Continue to be open to new ideas to promote reconciliation					
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CONGREGATIONAL CLIMATE URGENCY CONTEXT - PROMOTING CONGREGATION-WIDE ACTION AND TRANSFORMATION

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Worship and celebration: growing environmental awareness and Earth wisdom	<p>- Chalice groups based on Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer ; book also used as basis for year-long discussions of Spirituality and Philosophy Group</p> <p>- Special worship services focused on climate/environmental action, including service and activities celebrating Earth Day</p>	<p>Interim Minister, Chalice Group facilitators team</p> <p>Minister, Worship Team</p>	<p>- Deepened connections to nature and understanding of traditional Indigenous teachings</p> <p>- Strengthen spiritual underpinnings for climate action</p>	<p>- feedback from chalice and Spirituality and Philosophy Group participants</p> <p>- number of services focused on climate</p>	<p>2020 & ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>- Three Chalice groups held in 2020/21; one chalice group held in 21/22. Very positive feedback from participants on how the book/discussions had deepened their appreciation of nature.</p> <p>Environmental/climate changed themed services have been held at least bi-annually over the course of the past 4 years, with service in the spring around Earth Day.</p>
Religious education/exploration	<p>- monthly Earth Speaks featuring different speakers on environment and climate related subjects</p> <p>- regular nature focused lessons as</p>	Various external organizations & individuals	Better understanding of the science, needed actions and political landscape	- number of participants at Earth Speaks	Ongoing	<p>19 Earth Speaks were held. (available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GP2Ri576dsY&list=PLNS-V1W7ZzRXd-XYCbWOBx_riOI9RhSmn); Attendance at each event typically ranged from about 15 to 45.</p>

<p>Regular communication through E-UU, Climate Action Page, Unitarians for Climaction Page</p>	<p>part of children's RE</p> <p>- use Congregational Publications (weekly eUU and quarterly Spire) and social media to educate and motivate congregants to personal action. * eUU includes an Enviro-Action, an Enviro-Advocacy and an Enviro-Bit (education) each week, linked to the FirstU Climate Action webpage which includes additional information including links to past and coming Earth Speaks; updates on Green Sanctuary and Ajashki; upcoming events; updates on past advocacies/actions; good news items; suggestions for personal environmental actions, including books, films and webinars, various environmental groups to support; and links to FaceBook.</p>	<p>EAG/ Office Staff</p>	<p>- To educate and motivate congregants to personal action - Better understanding of the science, needed actions and political landscape</p>	<p>- Feedback from Congregational survey (every 2 years)</p>	<p>-Ongoing</p>	<p>Communications has grown from a weekly bit of news of environmental interest in 2019 through to a weekly update on a fulsome Climate Action Page in 2023. https://www.firstunitarianottawa.ca/climate-action.html including: *An introductory section with a.) links to 1. the nineteen EarthSpeaks programs 2. the Enviro-Elements: including upcoming events of environmental interest, Enviro advocacy, Enviro-Action and Enviro Bits (newsworthy stories) and Good News Items. https://www.firstunitarianottawa.ca/climate-action.html#EnviroElements; 3. Green Sanctuary Accreditation and Ajashki;, and 4. A memorial to our co-chair Sherri Watson who died in March of 2023 and was key to so much of the work we undertook. 5. Social Media <i>Unitarians for Climaction; Hope in Action; Fridays for Future.</i> b) a section called Personal Enrichment which includes lists of readings, of films and webinars to watch, of podcasts to listen to and of actions one can take to decrease</p>
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						<p>one's carbon footprint.</p> <p>In addition, there was a Congregational Focus section in our weekly digital newsletter, the eUU, which linked to the Climate Action Page. We also established a weekly EAG update during Announcements in the worship service. In addition, two or three environmentally focused articles per edition were published in the quarterly congregational newsletter "The Spire".</p>
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