

Environmental Advocacy Effort



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Good Shepherd United Church of Christ is committed to the advocacy emphasis on the stewardship of God's environment. Environmental Advocacy Effort (EAE), the title for an effort to educate our congregation in becoming more involved in advocacy for God's creation, was chosen because it incorporates the comprehensive nature of the problem and the necessary tasks to solve it.

Objectives

1. To focus attention on the human consequences of climate change, as supported by science, on humans, fauna, flora and the ecological foundations of earth
2. To respond appropriately to local, state and national officials with concerns and suggestions for alternatives that promote clean energy, clean air and clean water for everyone, and protection of natural areas.

Information Packet

This packet contains the following resources to assist in advocacy efforts:

- List of suggested environmental organizations (based on the Caring for Creation Team's investigation of many environmental organizations and websites regarding their mission, use of personal data, sharing of emails, pressure to donate, and wise use of funds)
 1. Environment North Carolina
 2. Environmental Defense Fund
 3. League of Conservation Voters
 4. Natural Resources Defense Council
 5. North Carolina Conservation Network
 6. North Carolina GreenPower
 7. Southern Environmental Law Center
- Names and contact information for pertinent elected officials
- Sample letter and telephone message for elected representatives

This effort is guided by the words of the well-known conservationist Wendell Berry:

"To damage the earth is to damage your children."