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Plan for Implementation of the CUC Environmental Policy

Our relationship to the environment and our responsibility to it is a profoundly moral issue. Dr. Phillip Hewett writes: “What we need is what at their best the religions of the world have always provided in the past – the spiritual underpinnings for effective action.”

Following adoption of the Statement of Environmental Policy at the 1999 Annual Meeting, the CUC will:

1. Circulate the Environmental Policy, Principles, Plan for Implementation, and Preliminary Action List to all congregations.
2. Establish an Environmental Issues Monitor (to be known as the CUC Environmental Committee), in accordance with CUC policy, to ensure that the CUC board is aware of issues needing action, and receives advice on what that action might be. The Monitor will invite, list and prioritize environmental action items for action by the CUC Board and consideration by congregations. The Monitor will establish an environmental issues communication network between interested congregations and individuals, invite participants to assume responsibility for particular issues, and suggest timelines. An annual report should identify actions undertaken, progress achieved, and proposed activities.

By adopting the **Statement of Environmental Policy** at the 1999 Annual Meeting, the CUC and congregations are encouraged to:

1. Integrate the values and ethics expressed in Environmental Principles for Canadian Unitarian Universalists into our religious rituals and practices in congregations and as individuals.
2. Establish a committee, or name an existing committee or individual in each congregation to identify environmental issues, launch action programs, and communicate with the Monitor.
3. Develop environmental education material for congregational use, including Religious Education resources for children, young people, and adults. Promote similar environmental education in the school system.
4. Collaborate with other religious groups and interfaith organizations to promote environmental awareness, and work with such groups when specific environmental issues arise.
5. Collaborate with environmental labour, business, community and other organizations where appropriate for the promotion of values expressed in our Environmental Principles.
6. Make representations to federal, provincial and local governments emphasizing the priority required by environmental issues, and pressing for action where needed.
7. Develop working relationships with media to raise public awareness of environmental issues and positions taken by Canadian Unitarian Universalists.

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