

CT Conference UCC Environmental Ministry Team Minutes of the Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Meeting

In Attendance: Steve Gilson, Patsy Bjorling, Ian Skoggard, George Stone

Opening (and Closing) prayer: Patsy Bjorling

Before the meeting, our Conference Minister, the Rev. Davida Crabtree, made a special announcement, as follows:

At a meeting early in January, the six New England Conference Ministers decided to make Stewardship of God's Creation a "signature issue" for the six conferences. According to Davida, "without reverent stewardship of creation, all the other issues of care and concern to Christians will be compromised and made more difficult to achieve."

We know that you share this view. That is why so many have been interested in, involved in and participated in various activities of our CT Conference Environmental Ministry Team effort and events.

The efforts of many – drafting the "Resolution on the Urgency for Action on Climate Change", preparing tables and presentations at Conference meetings, developing the Green Church Action Steps, organizing workshops around the state, researching issues and participating in EMT activities - give evidence to the Conference Ministers that there are many who will work to make a difference in this effort

To assist other New England Conferences in setting up a similar effort to our EMT and to coordinate the efforts of all the Conferences, Patsy proposed that we hold a meeting of the relevant people. She will try to confirm a date and a possible speaker; then we will draft an invitation and an agenda for such a meeting.

September Stewardship Conference

No action taken due to discussion on the above topic. This Conference will require 2 workshops. One on how to be a green church and one on something practical like education (adult and church school), energy star program for congregations, this old house of worship program. (Decisions in Feb and marketing by March meeting)

Copenhagen Eco Conference Ian (?) proposed a vigil to maintain interest and public awareness on climate change. There are materials developed by groups in New Haven, which we might be able to include in the Conference monthly email packets

Spring Conference Preparations:

Postponed until the February meeting. This will require a table, June workshop promotion, promotional materials for September Stewardship Conference (Sept 11)

Next meeting date: Feb 9 meeting cancelled due to scheduling; next meeting Mar 9 (Tues @ 5 at CT UCC Conference Center (125 Sherman Street, Hartford).

Respectfully submitted,
George Stone