

# BROOKLYN

The First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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## **Green Sanctuary Resolution**

**For consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
on May 19, 2019**

### WHEREAS:

- As a Unitarian Universalist Congregation, the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn covenants to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- The Mission Statement of the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn calls for us to work for social justice and stewardship of the earth.
- Goal #4 of the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn's Forward First strategic plan is to become an environmentally responsible congregation that serves as a powerful voice for sustainable living.
- The UUA has a Green Sanctuary Program to provide a path for congregational study, reflection, and action for today's environmental challenges – including climate change and environmental justice.
- Successful completion of this program results in Green Sanctuary accreditation: a formal recognition of a congregation's service and dedication to the Earth.

### BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN BROOKLYN:

- take formal steps to inspire our congregants and community to better understand and act on environmental and climate justice issues
- undertake the UUA Green Sanctuary process to advance these goals

## ***Proposal***

The First U Green Team will draw upon resources internal and external to develop an action plan that will move our congregational culture towards a deeper environmental awareness grounded in UU values, sustainability, and justice. We would promote work that has direct impact now, and that would plant the seeds for greater fruit in the future.

This team will connect with First U congregants and programs already working for sustainability, earth awareness, and climate justice to draw upon their expertise, to collaborate with their actions, and to amplify their work as a congregation. Volunteering will be ongoing.

The UUA Green Sanctuary program calls for projects under the following categories:

- **Environmental Justice** (at least 1 project)  
Environmental Justice acknowledges that marginalized communities are often hit first and hardest by environmental crisis. Congregations shift from providing charity to working in solidarity with communities most affected by climate change.
- **Worship and Celebration** (at least 3 projects)  
As we work together towards a cleaner, more just and sustainable world, worship enables us to stay connected to each other and to celebrate the work we have accomplished.
- **Religious Education** (at least 3 projects)  
Religious Education shapes more than minds. It shapes the attitudes and practices of children, families and the entire adult congregation while inspiring us to keep working toward our goal of sustainable practices.
- **Sustainable Living** (at least 4 projects)  
Sustainable living requires us to treat the world more gently by using fewer resources and being mindful of the choices we make.

## ***Budget***

FY2020: \$100 to cover printing and promotion costs.

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