



## Greening Congregation Annual Plan – 2011

### St. John's Episcopal Church Snohomish, WA

#### Mission Statement

*We are part of the created order, not separate from it, and our first calling by God is to be the caretakers of Creation.*

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#### Worship

- › Creation-centered worship services during the church year (Earth Day, Rogation Sundays, St. Francis Day)
- › Ecological messages in prayers, litanies and readings (various worship services)
- › Outdoor worship (Blessing of the Soil)
- › Attend and encourage others to attend Earth Ministry's Celebration of St. Francis in the fall

#### Education

- › Greening tips in the Episcopaper, on the website, and on the Creation Steward's bulletin board (keep up-to-date)
- › Green theme for vacation Bible school
- › Creation-awareness events (family movie nights; DVD "Awakening the Spirit" to introduce a series of family walks and hikes)

- › Sustainable food choices (Eat Local, Spend Less, Enjoy More workshop; Great Zucchini Cook-off; growing vegetables together for the food banks)

### **Building and Grounds**

- › Continue to monitor energy use with Portfolio Manager (report yearly to Vestry)
- › Replace appliances with more energy efficient models when replacement necessary
- › Kitchen (use china, tableware; recycle and compost; offer vegetarian options)
- › Office (reduce paper use where possible; recycle paper; purchase post-consumer paper products when possible)
- › Use environment friendly products when cleaning and maintaining building
- › Use earth-friendly practices in church gardens (no water or chemicals at church; organic seeds and practices at vegetable garden at Chinook Farm)

### **Individual Stewardship**

- › Plan errands to reduce driving
- › Check furnace and water heater temperatures and reduce if appropriate; use timers
- › Use reusable bags when shopping
- › Take advantage of Recycle Sundays to recycle batteries, electronics, small appliance, CFLs
- › Stop unwanted junk mail
- › Encourage individuals to join the Episcopal Public Policy Network

### **Community Outreach and Faithful Advocacy**

- › Restart the tradition of St. John walks and hikes
- › Initiate and continue a Blessing of the Water interfaith event
- › Raise funds for the Wine to Water project to pay for a well in Central America
- › Attend environmental lobby day in Olympia
- › Raise organic vegetables for food banks in Snohomish, Monroe, and Everett and for the Community Dinners for the hungry held at St. John's
- › Participate in the annual Snohomish Crop Walk