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Congregations and congregants working together to restore Earth and renew Spirit.

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Congratulations! With this letter, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, Office of Congregational Stewardship Services is honored to formally recognize Keene Unitarian Universalist Church as an Accredited Green Sanctuary.

We appreciate your thorough documentation of your Green Sanctuary activities. Descriptions of each activity helped us to understand how much you have accomplished. You have succeeded in integrating the Green Sanctuary program goals into the ongoing life of your congregation through the many projects you have carried out. Your application offers strong evidence of the positive environmental consciousness that has developed in your congregation, resulting in new behaviors and new lifestyle choices by members individually and by the congregation as a whole. We were very excited to see that your Children's Chapel supported the Green Sanctuary program, as you know, incorporating children and youth in environmental services is important. Additionally, we were excited to see that the children and youth passed their own resolution in support of the environment. Your report of measureable results – removing 1,440 cups and napkins from waste stream, reducing fuel consumption by 34% per degree day – make an even larger statement for implementing the measures you have taken. We were pleased to see that you not only involved congregants in NWEI course but also took it to your larger community and reached out beyond your congregants. You now have a great foundation for continuing action in the future.

We know you are looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments with your congregation. Your Green Sanctuary certificate is being sent under a separate cover for you to display in a prominent place. You will be recognized as an Accredited Green Sanctuary at General Assembly 2010 in Minneapolis, as that time nears I will send you more information.

I do hope you are proud of your accomplishments. You have truly taken the goals of the Green Sanctuary Program to heart. Again, congratulations on successfully becoming an Accredited Green Sanctuary. Your accomplishments serve as a beacon of hope, demonstrating that we can all make a difference!

To a greener faith-community and world,

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