

Proposed Covenant of Sustainable Purchasing and Use-

Passed by the Board of Trustees March 20, 2007

Whereas:

We are aspiring to become a green sanctuary congregation

We covenant to affirm and promote the interdependent web of life

We want to support, inspire and set a green example as an institution

Therefore:

We the leaders of the church covenant to promote green purchasing practices

Whereas:

We know that some office papers still come from old growth forests in Canada

We know that forests provide carbon sequestration to combat global warming

We want to support the full life cycle of recycling paper

Therefore:

We will use **paper products** that include post-consumer recycled fibers:

Copy paper

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

We will encourage members to provide post-consumer or compostable

cups, plates and flatware or to reusable dishes when planning a church event

Whereas:

We care about the health of our staff and the children who play in our buildings

Whereas we know that the water used to clean is part of the interconnected water cycle

Therefore:

We will use green **cleaning products**

Whereas:

We believe in a fair wage

We believe in safe non-toxic working environments

Therefore:

We will **recycle** our computers with companies who practice clean recycling

We use fair trade **coffee**

If the staff responsible for purchasing the products has trouble purchasing them within the established budget, the Board will offer advice for funding our values-based purchasing.

We acknowledge that sometimes optimal products are not available, or cannot be purchased in a timely way. In those circumstances we will buy a small quantity the products available, and make plans to return to sustainable purchasing as soon as possible