



Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition

Helping Congregations Care for the Earth



December Newsletter, 2013

December Monthly Program

Monday, Dec. 2, 7pm
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village
Featuring Barbara Marx Hubbard film, *Humanity Ascending*.
See article on the right.

January Monthly Program

Monday, Jan. 6, 7 pm
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Road
Introduction to SSC's Year of Water: Sacred and Profaned. Includes a film on water, discussion, prayer, and an outline of this project and how all can be involved.

Awakening the Dreamer Symposium

Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-2:30
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Road
Acclaimed global seminar on how to create a just, spiritually fulfilling, and environmentally sustainable world. Vision, transformation, and action![Find out more.](#)



Build a New Model

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model
R. Buckminster Fuller

Prayer for the Earth

Creator God, we praise and thank You for the wonders and

A Challenge to Live More Simply in 2014

When winter comes to the South Pole, total darkness sets in. Explorer Richard Byrd spent four and a half months there alone, gathering weather data in this darkness. Why alone? He said it was "*to taste peace, quiet, and solitude.*"



The experience changed Byrd dramatically. He wrote: "*I live more simply now and with more peace. Half the confusion in the world comes with not knowing how little we need.*"

[Read more about taking his words to heart.](#)

Growth Garners Green

Exciting changes are happening at SSC. With the hiring of a development staff member, we are applying for new grants, adding to our social media presence, pursuing business sponsorships, and seeking more donations from congregations. [Read more to see a list of our donor congregations and find out the critical role YOU--our individual donors--play.](#)



SSC Seeking Office Space

SSC is seeking donated or low-cost office space in a centrally-located congregation. We need one large office to accommodate 2-3 people or a couple of smaller ones. If your congregation has space or you know of any that do, please contact board member Stan Chappell at chappells@everestkc.net



End the Year with an Uplifting Vision of Humanity's Future - Dec. 2 Monthly Program

As a new year approaches, expand your mind to think in new ways about the future of humanity and the Earth. Attend our Dec. 2nd program and watch and discuss the acclaimed film, *Humanity Ascending*, by author and futurist Barbara Marx Hubbard.



Learn about the untold story of humanity as seen through evolutionary eyes, and how our 14 billion year history is an ongoing journey of transformation. Come away with a

beauty of creation. You have made all things with love to reflect your glory and goodness. We especially thank you for this living planet, that has sustained us and all life for eons.

We pray for the well-being of your creation, that we and all people protect and reverence it.

We pray for clean air, pure water and fertile land, all animal and plant life, and the human community.

Through the outpouring of your divine spirit, may we be empowered to live and work in partnership with creation so all life can flourish as You intend. Amen.

Words of Wisdom

"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."

Benjamin Franklin



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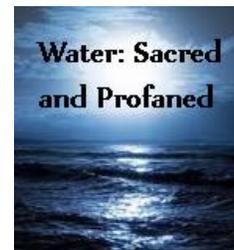
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compelling vision of hope that, if an old world is dying, a new one is waiting to be born.

[Learn more and how this affects our spirituality and connectedness.](#)

YEAR OF WATER: SACRED AND PROFANED

Water awareness and action will be a major emphasis for SSC in 2014, and we want as many congregations as possible to be involved. SSC will provide education, organizing ideas, resources, networking, the possibility of common projects, and opportunities for celebration. The goals are:



- To broaden awareness of the sacredness of water and the world-wide water crisis in its many causes and manifestations
- To motivate and equip people of faith to take significant actions to protect water, ranging from the personal to the systemic

[Learn more about our kick-off events in 2014 and how your Green Team or congregation can get on board.](#)

Report on Recent Events

As always, much is happening at SSC. Here's a report on recent events.

Project Greenway KC Fashion Show: 100 people attended this great fundraiser put on by Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, which raised \$1500 for SSC. It was fun, professional, and inspiring (so do come next year if they do it again!). Contestants modeled clothes they had sewn from old and won cash prizes, and the Swapping Company had a fashion show featuring used clothing.

Program on Native American Spirituality: This was our best attended monthly program of the year, and the 21 attendees were rewarded with a great talk by Kara Hawkins who shared about the Medicine Wheel and other native traditions.

LED Lighting Seminar: About 15 people attended the lunch and seminar on why LED lighting is a good money-saving choice for congregations and how it helps the Earth. If you missed it and want more information, contact mike.myers@hdenergysolutions.com.