



# SUSTAINABLE SANCTUARY coalition

## March 2014 Newsletter

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### April Program

**Monday, April 07  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Village Presbyterian Church  
6641 Mission Road

### Wise Words



*In one drop of water are found all the secrets of all the oceans; in one aspect of You are found all the*

*aspects of existence.*

*-Kahlil Gibran*

### Simple Changes

01. Don't use antibacterial soaps or cleaning products.
02. Never flush unwanted or out-of-date medicines down the toilet or drain.
03. Don't put anything except water down storm drains.

### H2O Woes: The Bottled Water Blues

Our March program is coming up this Monday, March 03 at 7 p.m. at Village Presbyterian Church (6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208) in room 127. I hope you'll join us for this great time of fellowship, education, and inspiration.



Our program will be H2O Woes: The Bottled Water Blues presented by Jennifer Byer. This presentation takes a look at the broad, lesser-known environmental impacts of bottled water, from fossil fuel and water consumption during manufacture and transport, to solid waste issues ranging from recycling to plastic marine debris. We will also explore myths about water quality and the social and economic problems stemming from water shortages.

Jennifer Byer currently serves on the boards of the Kansas Natural Resource Council and True Blue Women, and is a member of the NE Johnson County Sustainability Network.

### Water: Sacred and Profaned



We had a great special program in February entitled Water: Sacred and Profaned. Twenty-five people attended and heard a spiritual message from SSC's Executive Director, Rev. Chad Cooper. Jane Kloeckner led a fascinating presentation about the watersheds in the Kansas City area and the problems they are facing. We also were led in strategic planning time and were given great resources that will help in planning water-focused projects around the

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04. Fix leaks that drip from your car and put down a liner in your driveway to collect oil and other materials.

05. Avoid using pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

06. Choose non-toxic household products whenever possible.

07. Pick up after your pets.

08. Don't pave your property.

09. Spread the word and be a water advocate.

10. Keep informed.

More info [here](#)

### SSC's Mission

*Partnering with faith communities to practice environmental sustainability.*

*We support and educate green team members, facility managers, and spiritual leaders.*

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city. Thank you to everyone who presented, shared, and attended.

### 100 Congregations Water Initiative

SSC's focus for 2014 is Protecting our Sacred Water. Our goal is to have 100 congregations participate by having some activity that promotes the safeguarding of water. SSC also encourages all congregations to have at least one educational program this year about the water crisis and what people of faith can do about it. Experienced speakers/educators from SSC are available to lead a presentation on a variety of water topics. We also have several easy but effective water project suggestions for your congregations. Please contact us for more information or sign up to participate [here](#)



### Cooper's Corner-Calling All Volunteers



SSC's mission is to partner with faith communities to encourage environmental sustainability. With a small, but dedicated staff, we rely on people like you to help others better care for creation through education, action, and advocacy. There are a variety of options ranging from long-term commitments to short-term ones. We need people with a variety of interests and skills to help with our various teams. We could use your help to fulfill our mission. Please contact me [here](#) to get more information.

### Blue is the New Green

You're invited to a class about fresh water issues globally, nationally, and locally, including how water is used at home, the water-energy "nexus," and a summary of Bridging the Gap's recent work with citizens on water conservation. The presenter is Kristin Riott Executive Director of Bridging the Gap. For more information go [here](#) (scroll down to the Environmental Courses).

