

Seacoast Sustainability Summit - Faith Track Handout – 11/7/2009 (updated 11/17) – Please email individuals for details

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<p>Eliot Bahá’í Community www.bahaisofeliot.org Diane.Brandon@gmail.com Green Acre Bahá’í School & Conference Center, 938 Main St., Eliot, ME www.greenacre.org</p>	<p>Green Acre in Eliot has large campus (about 20 buildings on 200 acres); buildings from 200 yrs old to new; energy audit via state program has been initiated. All buildings transitioning from using heating oil to using propane gas. Recycling of paper, eWaste. Transition to non-toxic cleaning supplies. (Local Bahá’í communities in Seacoast region do not own any houses of worship.)</p>	<p>Eliot Bahá’í Community is a ME Interfaith Power & Light “Climate Care” Partner. IST member. Green Acre (a national Bahá’í property) holds conferences/seminars on environmental issues, including interfaith weekend in 2007 where the Interfaith Sustainability Team got started. Environmental strands in child/youth education. National and international involvement in environmental issues, organizations.</p>
<p>Buddhist Aryaloka, Newmarket http://www.aryaloka.org/ Nina Jordan ninacjordan@yahoo.com</p>		<p>Aryaloka has been recycling paper, plastics and cans for many years. They have also been composting food from their many retreats and other occasions when dinner or lunch are served. Their diet is vegetarian. Their communal aspiration is a lifestyle of simplicity. IST member.</p>
<p>Catholic – St. Thomas More Parish, Durham http://www.stmdurham.org/ Contact: Sylvia Russell (Sr. Helene Higgins hhiggins@nh-cc.org is Catholic IST member)</p>	<p>One of our committee meetings about 15 years ago was filmed for part of a PBS documentary. Since that time we have taken several actions to "green" our own "back yard": After our annual parish yard sale, usable left-over items are donated or recycled rather than brought to the landfill; coffee served at parish events is fair-traded; lunches at our Christmas fairs and university-student suppers are served on real rather than disposable dishes; labeled recycling bins were purchased for all parish areas; the office uses recycled paper.</p>	<p>Parish's small "Ecology Spirituality" committee, recently absorbed into our Spirituality Commission, was formed in the early 1990s and has initiated many activities. Speakers include: on ecology spirituality: "Geologist" Fr. Thomas Berry, author and professor of natural resources John Carroll, author Albert LaChance, and Dominican Sister Barbara Harrington of the Crystal Spring community. Videos presented were: "The Earth is the Lord's," in which two scientists discuss the relationship between ecology and the Judeo-Christian heritage, and two films on "Affluenza"; also conducted a class on ecology spirituality for high school religious education students of the parish.</p>
<p>Community Church of Durham United Church of Christ http://www.durhamcommunitychurch.org/ 17 Main Street, Durham, NH Mark Chutter mark.chutter@unh.edu</p>	<p>Date Built: 1860 sanctuary (wood, plaster, damp dirt basement), 1960 education building (brick, gets cold), 2000 fellowship hall (great roof for solar panels). What we have done: our own energy audit, pipe insulation to heating pipes under sanctuary, added cellulose (recycled newspaper) insulation to sanctuary attic, added insulation to portions of most recent construction, installed programmable thermostats, corrected misprogramming of heating system, made sure furnace cleanings thorough. We reduced our oil consumption by over 1000 gallons in one year!</p>	<p>(Cont. from column to left) What we hope to do: replace old, large storm windows in sanctuary, try to replace/reduce our over-sized furnace, possibly install point of use water heaters, encourage members to take advantage of the current tax incentives to install solar hot water systems or photovoltaic panels at home, maybe install solar panels at church, keep educating ourselves</p>
<p>Exeter Congregational Church 21 Front St Exeter, NH 03833-2765 www.congchurchexeter.org/ Sue Jones soozweb@surbest.net</p>	<p>The present building was built in 1799. It is a landmark in the town. Two plus years ago the trustees made a massive revision moving the offices to the old Parsonage next door. The space vacated was made into 3 sizeable classrooms and the Bixler House, which had housed classrooms was sold. At the time of the move they insulated the old parsonage and installed a new furnace. They plan to replace windows in that building as budget allows. They are looking for funds to insulate the old meeting house. They have made the furnace 20% more efficient.</p>	<p>Education through writing articles, hosted 3 winter farmers markets, helped with a locavore's supper, led a book review of Kingsolver and encouraged others to share what they are doing to lower their footprints etc.</p>
<p>First Congregational Church of Kittery Point, UCC, 23 Pepperrell Rd, Kittery Point, ME 03905-5108 www.kitterypointucc.org/</p>	<p>Martha Kowal and Marcia Gibbons mkowal44@comcast.net marciagibbons@comcast.net</p>	<p>Attend IST meetings. Harvest Table with proceeds going to food pantry.</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church, 101 Chapel Street, Portsmouth NH 03801</p>	<p>St. John's was built in 1807. Since 2000 our sexton has had 3 energy audits done (electric, gas, and plumbing). Resulting</p>	<p>Stewards of the Earth Committee: since 2006 have implemented mission statement via: Parish-wide programs: "Turn Over a New</p>

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603-436-8283 www.stjohnsnh.org/ Carole Renselaer chrenselaer@comcast.net	improvements: steam boiler replaced; attic insulation; steam pipe insulation; storm windows added; energy efficient electronic ballasts installed, and incandescent lights replaced with CFLs.	Leaf – It's as easy as 1-2-3!, &"4-5-6". Green Table at coffee hour, green tips in the bulletin each Sunday, inclusion in services (Prayers of the People). 2009 vegetable garden. Community Programs: "Down to Earth" forums (movies, e.g., An Inconvenient Truth, Who Killed the Electric Car, Renewal, etc.; topics: recycling, birds, arctic melting, polar bears, the Natural Step, etc. City wide "Step it Up 2007" for Earth Day. Participated in Portsmouth Sustainability Fairs. IST member.
Jewish - Temple Israel 515 Sixth St, Dover, NH 03820 Rabbi Larry Karol lpkarol@aol.com	Fairly new building, rural setting.	Rabbi Karol has participated in IST, hosted a meeting.
Jewish - Temple Israel, Portsmouth Rabbi Barry Krieger Marsha Herman marshaherman@yahoo.com	Rabbi Krieger: "I am very interested in greening our wonderful downtown Portsmouth restaurants. They are unable to recycle because, presently, recycling pickup is only once a week and the downtown restaurants do not have the space to store their glass or cardboard waste.... (cont next column)	We, as a community, must work towards creative solutions to reducing our waste and to increasing our recycling." Representative has participated in IST.
Eliot Methodist Church Rte 236, Eliot, Maine Rev. Ron Messer rnlmessenger@yahoo.com	Building about 30 years old.	Community gardens started summer 2009, fully utilized. IST member
Dover Friends (Quaker) Meeting Phyllis Killam Abell pkillamabell@comcast.net Heidi Porter is IST member.	250 year old Meeting House. 5700 sq. foot, post and beam building with modern basement. Zone heating. The building is used approximately 15 hours per week for worship and meetings. • We're working on energy upgrades to make the building more weatherproof and efficient. • We're discussing ways to change our building use to reduce energy waste in the winter.	Create a Peaceful World environmental series for three years. We completed an energy audit in 2005. Developing a commitment to non-motorized lawn care.
Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 20 Madbury Road Durham, NH 03824 www.duuf.net John Macri john.macri@unh.edu	73 years old, 3800 sq. ft. Well made for its time, but... MAJOR EXPANSION AND RENOVATION UNDERWAY. Adding ~2000 sq. ft. Goal: operate in expanded facility without increasing energy consumption cbufordpaige@gmail.com	Candidate for certification as a " Green Sanctuary" by the Unitarian Universalist Association. More than a dozen specific actions are planned to encourage environmental mindfulness in our congregation
Unitarian Universalist Exeter www.exeteruu.org/ Sylvia Foster sylviajfooster@myfairpoint.net	1900's Wood Frame. Heating system audit: bathroom heaters replaced with small units; programmable thermostats added. Bulbs updated: Exit sign bulbs converted to LED. Green cleaning products" used. Sustainable garden with no annuals: mostly indigenous, hardy plants not requiring watering. No chemicals used on lawn/shrubs.	Working toward Green Sanctuary Status www.umistryforearth.org/grs_overview.htm Seabrook Beach Stewardship monthly clean-up. Lay led services on connections between our spirituality and all living things. Green Science Fair at Coffee Hour. Green Circle Supper. Coffee Hour Campaign to eliminate one ton of junk mail. Religious Education Sustainability Program, "The Green and Gracious Dragon" on children's concerns about the earth; also "Water for Westlala" re crisis of water.
Unitarian Universalist South Church, 292 State St, Portsmouth, NH 03801 www.southchurch-uu.org/ Judy Miller & Jon Prichard judyml@comcast.net jonp@umext.maine.edu	Stone church built in 1820's. Implementing PSNH, Lamprey Oil and PSNH Lighting Audits (PSNH will pay 1/2 lighting costs). Carbon Footprint done for baseline using info from STEM Energy Efficiency Workshop. Board approved Green Policy for renovations. Green Fund Idea.	1-2-3 Pledge for carbon reduction. Becoming certified as a UUA Green Sanctuary www.umistryforearth.org/grs_overview.htm Many activities in areas of worship, religious education, sustainability and environmental justice. 2009 theme - Food/Ethical Eating. Co-sponsor of 50-Mile Thanksgiving (slowfoodseacoast.org). IST member.