

Responses to Survey, as Distributed May 15, 2008

Respondent	Organizations	Contact	Overview of Activites
Mary Elizabeth Clark, SSJ	Cecilian Center - Sisters of St. Joseph Philadelphia	meclark2004@verizon.net 215.849.3364.	Cecilian Center for Earth, Arts and Spirit is a sponsored work of the Sisters of St. Joseph that provides opportunities for reflecting, practicing and celebrating the truth that all is sacred. As an urban Earth Literacy Training Center it offers courses with PA Act 48 credit hours through Chestnut Hill College.
Joy Bergey	The Center for the Celebration of Creation - Pennsylvania Interfaith Climate Change Campaign	215-836-5978 joybergey@earthlink.net	We have been focusing on global warming for the past several years: educating congregations across Pennsylvania about global warming, the causes, and how individuals and congregations can respond: getting energy audits, purchasing clean electricity, and urging state and federal legislators to enact meaningful legislation. Our past efforts included work to fight sprawl, running computer recycling drives in 25 congregations in the Philadelphia region, and helping the Mandayans (an indigenous tribe in the Philippines) to buy back and restore land stolen from them by their government. We've been producing bulletin inserts on environmental issues for congregations since 1990.
Dion Lerman	Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting (Quakers)(CHFM)	215-264-0582 dionlerman@earthlink.net peace@chestnuthillquakers.net	CHFM has been active in Simplicity, Right Sharing of Worlds Resources, recycling and conservation, and the Quaker Earthcare Witness. Currently the Meeting is in the planning stages for constructing a new "green" Meetinghouse to provide environmentally sustainable facilities to advance our programs and testimonies. Many Friends are also individually active – or employed by - environmental organizations
Charles Day - Chair, Sustainability Committee	Church of St. Martin-in-the-Field in Chestnut Hill	215-438-7479; cday3416@verizon.net	We have conducted a parish forum to determine the interests and concerns of the congregation, and are currently focusing on doing an energy audit of the church and grounds.

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Joe Ceasar, M.S. CED	City of Philadelphia	joe.ceasar@phila.gov	<p>In 1998 there was a urgent great need to re-organize the urban Southwest Community in Philadelphia to help with the restoration in this historically underserved and, in parts, forgotten green and natural land areas. <i>Cornerstone</i> was a hand full of Faith-based Institutions and individuals. Harnessing the energy of their faiths and placing their restoration efforts in high profile location, quality programming and synergy began. Nearly 10 years later, these Faith-based institutions and individuals have created an informal coalition, convened Faith-based Mini-Conference, expanded network reaching as far away as Baltimore, MD and New England; and developed youth based leadership restoration projects. Their impact has made change in not only in park related areas and special green programming, but has reached in the adjacent communities, improving both local housing, commercial corridors and public recreation facilities, and has marked their brand of green stewardship as sustainable and a model for FPC and the City of Philadelphia.</p>
Rev. Dr. Donna Lawrence Jones	Cookman Neighborhood Joy Ministries	215-229-4477 w, 302-743-3044 djones5904@aol.com	<p>Planting Trees, Planning and planting community gardens, recycling campaigns, lot-clean up, "Time Bank" (newest initiative)Primarily we work in collaboration with the village of the arts and the humanities on the gardening projects, we have sponsored regular lot cleanups in our community. We currently serve over 150 youth and young adults directly through our teen center and our DHS funded alterantive school; as well as 3,000 families city-wide using restorative practices to remediate truancy. The youth and young adult participants and leaders are all from our teen center and school. The above mentioned projects were either summer employment or community service projects We have under consideration with our state senator a project to have the young people renovate three houses on Lehigh Avenue as "green" houses to begin this summer We also have begun just last month a partnership with the Village of community food production not only in vacant lots, but also in people's back yards to ensure that fresh & healthy foods are available to all.</p>

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Hollister Knowlton	Earthcare Working Group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	215-247-0718; h.knowlton@comcast.net	We work to lift up among Quakers the inextricable connection between peace, justice and ecological sustainability. We speak, write, and meet with Quaker and other congregations and secular groups about the need to respond to climate change and to drastically reduce our ecological footprint. We also worked to encourage, over an eight year period, Friends responses to FCNL, our Quaker lobbying group in DC, with the result that in 2006, addressing climate change became a legislative priority for FCNL's lobbyists. Members of our group have also created a study guide called Seeds of Violence, Seeds of Hope – a study guide on Economics and Ecology; started Eco-Team groups; and discussion groups using the Northwest Earth Institute's Global Warming, Changing Co2urse. One member has been trained as a facilitator for the Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream symposium (created by the Pachamama Alliance of San Francisco), designed to “bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just human presence on the planet as the guiding principle of our times.”
Rev. Catherine Bowers	Frankford Group Ministry	215 744 2990 ext. 210 cbowers@frankfordgroupministry.org	We are the home of the Frankford Garden Club, which takes care of green spaces and organizes park clean-ups in the community.
Patricia McBee, Capital Campaign Director	Friends Center 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102	215-563-8832	Friends Center is a campus of Quaker buildings including a historic meetinghouse and the offices of local, national, and international Quaker groups. They are currently in the midst of a \$13.5 million LEED Gold renovation including geothermal heating and cooling, vegetated roof, stormwater capture and reuse, daylighting, and recycling of construction waste among other features. The project reduces the campus's environmental footprint and provides long-term cost savings for energy and water. Friends Center is a showcase for public education on green building. They have had nearly 1000 people tour the building and have provided consultations as far away as Texas.
Rabbi Arthur Waskow	Green Menorah Program of The Shalom Center 805 Carpenter Ln Philadelphia, PA 19119	(215) 438-2983 greenmenorah@shalomctr.org	The Green Menorah Program of The Shalom Center addresses the global climate crisis from a Jewish perspective. We urge changes in personal and congregational practices, and advocacy for changes in public policy. We work toward this goal through speaking, teaching, organizing and producing resource materials for rabbis and congregations; we've just created a ritual and four-session curriculum for bar/bat mitzvah and confirmation age teens that connects their religious education with the global climate crisis.

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Marc Manley	International Muslim Brotherhood	805+450+0275 manrilla@gmail.com	One of our oldest members has a small organic garden where he produces locally grown food. It is down through an act of conciousness where seasonal, locally grown food has less impact on the environment than does big business farming. But our congregation would like to learn more about have we as a faith community can become more active and involved in such matters.
Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit North American Director of Tikkun Olam (Social Justice) and coordinator of JRF's Sustainable Synagogue Initiative	Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, www.jrf.org	215-885-5601, ex.24, SZevit@jrf.org	Our hope is to motivate and educate our congregations in sustainable practices, with the goal of reaching 100 percent participation in the years ahead, recognizing those JRF communities who excel at sustainable practices at the JRF Convention in Boston, 2008. In 1990, the Reconstructionist movement passed a resolution on the environment for our congregations and has been at the forefront of faith and sustainability issues with ongoing initiatives in education, climate change, CFL bulb campaign's, LEEDS certified synagogues, partnerships with similarly committed national organizations (COEJL, JCPA, NRPE) and resources on spirituality and sustainability for communities.
Ann Provost, RSM Executive Director	Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia, Inc.	aprovost@mercyneighbors.org 215 227-4393	Mercy Neighborhood Ministries has purchased a deteriorating warehouse in the Tioga section of N. Philadelphia and we are renovating it as a LEED Project with a silver level certification as our goal. During our charrette our general presentations concerning the building design were attended by 125 plus persons. The sustainability issues raised by the building renovation were the starting point for raising awareness within the community about energy conservation and initiated discussion and learning concerning conservation issue. We also participate in the Terra Cycle Bottle Brigade Project in an effort to education and raise awareness among our children and neighbors of the need to recycle and the benefits it holds. We actively involve local high schools and colleges as participants in this project.
Jeffrey N. Leath, Pastor	Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church	MotherBethel@aol.com	Consolidate meetings to minimize trips to the church. Meet in more energy efficient areas when feasible. Encourage recycling at the church and at home. Model conservation by turning off lights and turning down thermostats.

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Kathryn Corley	Newtown Friends School	215 – 757 - 0923 corleys 531@verizon.net	As a Friends school, care of the environment is a priority. This year we are talking about Stewardship school-wide. One area is Stewardship of the earth. We are doing basic stuff such as reminding the kids about turning off lights and water, picking up trash, and recycling. The lighting in the school is being replaced with more efficient fixtures. We now have recycling bins in every room and the kids are even separating paper from bottles and cans. We are starting a composting program. Appropriate waste items are going into a specified container and one of the teachers is adding the enzymes to help things break down and then we are using the mixture on a memorial flower garden we have at school. We also had a trash weigh-in week. We surprised the kids on a Monday and weighed the amount of trash that was thrown away. We talked about ways to reduce the amount we throw away and weighed the trash each day for the rest of the week. We plan another surprise weigh-in sometime in April. We are talking about activities to do on Earth day.
George Owen Sustainability Coordinator	Pendle Hill, A Quaker Center for Study and Contemplation The Religious Society of Friends	414-241-9336, gcowen01@yahoo.com	Living in community as we do at Pendle Hill is in itself a form of radical stewardship, at least for our times and culture. We live in small apartments, with many shared bathrooms, central kitchen, dining, living, library, art studio, work shop, etcetera. We share many appliances, purchases, and travel. We raise some of our own food, buy local, and buy organic. We repair existing buildings, furniture and appliances rather than invest in new. What must be new we strive for green. The level of consciousness and commitment to sustainability is good, but much more can be done. To that end we have just created a Sustainability Coordinator to bring more consciousness to what we are doing both in doing more promotion of these values and in achieving more results

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Sister Mary Beth Hamm, SSJ Social Justice Coordinator for the Sisters of Saint Joseph	Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia 9701 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19118-2693	215-248-7220 mhamm@ssjphila.org	We have a Sustainability Committee with working subcommittees for Spirituality/Sustainability Integration, Practical Resources, Education, and Action We send weekly electronic hotline messages about various justice issues to our congregation/associates and these always include sustainability tips We provide monthly resources on sustainability topics through our website: http://www.ssjphila.org/JusticeResources.html We engage in legislative advocacy regarding energy bills, etc. We don't purchase bottled water at our Motherhouse We "lug a mug" to community meetings to eliminate paper/plastic We recycle: paper, plastic, glass, aluminum We are generally raising awareness among ourselves and others on the need to tread more lightly on Earth and taking actions to lighten our footprint. We hosted a Sustainability Workshop in September, 2007.
Betsy Teutsch	Sustaining Creation: The NIM Environmental Network	bpteutsch@comcast.net, 215 438-6834	This informal group is comprised of congregational eco-activists who have championed a variety of initiatives in their respective congregations, such as energy-efficiency upgrades, purchasing wind power, and decreasing disposable waste. We work to educate congregants about at home environmentally-responsible behavior, as well. As a result of our focus, NIM has added environmental stewardship to its mission, this year hosting a panel discussion on environmental injustice, also the theme of our 2008 annual MLK celebration. We are beginning to focus on green collarr jobs as a way to pursue our goals of a justice for our most vulnerable as well as environmental stewardship.
Rev. Patricia Pearce	Tabernacle United Church	215-386-4100	We have a Sustainable Living Affinity Group which explores ways to reduce our environmental footprint as individuals and as a church. The church buys renewable electricity from the Energy Co-op, we have conducted an energy audit, have been converting our light fixtures to accommodate CF bulbs, have been working to improve the energy efficiency of our building, have instituted "paperless Sundays", use biodegradable paper plates and cups, and we have provided the venue for events for the Sustainable Business Network and Green Village Philadelphia. We also frequently focus on environmental concerns in our worship services.

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NATIONAL COALITIONS			
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	The Regeneration Project and Interfaith Power and Light	415-561-4891 info@theregenerationproject.org	See: www.theregenerationproject.org