Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting June 5, 2023
Present: Ginger, Janet, Debbie

1. Supply Status—Janet has contacted Lori T-G re: ordering 2 large dish soaps and 2 gallons of EO soap from Frontier for refill.
2. Dishwasher Oversight-- Deb spoke with Susan I. She reports the only maintenance is periodic cleaning of filters, which she hasn't needed to do—stresses importance of cleaning food from dishes before loading.
3. Recycling Update
~Metal recycling will be scheduled for first Saturday of October. Deb will contact company.
~YMCA display-- may move display to another location within Y in the future.
~CD recycling—two church members inquired recently about recycling CDs and will bring. Team-find dedicated boxes that were at church for CD recycling and re-place in visible locations.
~church recycling—Janet has been taking plastic, Styrofoam, and cardboard/paper. Janet notes that lots of items are mis-placed. We will post a reminder in the fall, in addition to the current signage.
~Newspaper sleeves—small group of church members involved--continue to collect for group making sleeping mats.
4. Bulletin Board
Deb changed to "First Parish in Action" (Social Justice themed) on June 4.
5.KTC
—Split the Plate for April only; GSC requested that SJC supplement if donations do not reach at least $1260. Total--$800. At SJC meeting on June 1, it was decided to add $200 from that account, for a total of $1000. GSC team will suggest to SJC that we return to former two-month protocol next year.
6. Annual report—submitted to administrator on May 27.
7. Summer Service—August 27
Speaker-- Ron Aakjar, botanist from BSU, "Native and Medicinal Plants". Deb—Bio and description by July 31 and inquire about tour of BSU greenhouse following the service.
Readings/meditation ideas—Hymnal-#529, #614; Thich Nhat Hanh (see below)
Music possibilities—#21-For the Beauty of the Earth, #123-Spirit of Life, look for one more song/hymn. Ask Eileen to accompany.
Lay Leader—Janet
Appreciation gift for speaker—EE
All look for additional ideas for readings, music, meditation.
8. Refrigerator replacement
Committee members will research models with bottom freezer units. Ginger will contact Eileen H. to join in fridge purchase process ($ from Frank legacy). Discussion re: keeping vs. replacing fridge and also purchasing new electric stove at the same time.
9. IP&L programs
~Deb attended recent webinar on Heat Pumps for Houses of Worship and will follow up with Facilities Committee.
~Summer of Certification—apply to be Cool Congregation certified—Deb will research.
10. The Letter—Pope's film
Co-ordinate with SJC to host showing—no update.
11. Next Meeting—Monday, August 7 at 1:15 for service final details

You carry Mother Earth within you. She is not outside of you. Mother Earth is not just your environment. In that insight of inter-being, it is possible to have real communication with the Earth,

which is the highest form of prayer. - Thich Nhat Hanh