

Eno River UU Fellowship (ERUUF)
Durham, NC

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Dear Denise and fellow Unitarian Universalists of Eno River,

On behalf of the UUA Green Sanctuary program I am delighted to share that you have attained UUA Green Sanctuary accreditation status. Your congregation will be listed in the UUA web site as accredited, and you are welcome to use the GS logo in your congregational communications. Congratulations!

It is rare that I begin these letters with the congregational mission and vision, but I find myself moved by ERUUF's. The congregational mission and vision statements emanate an energy which seems to ground your powerful climate and environmental trajectory. The aspirational language strikes me as profoundly generative.

Your application reflects that your work is well grounded in spiritual, educational, and intergenerational work. The threads of inter-committee cooperation (breaking down silos), community networking and partner building seem to run through a great deal of what you have accomplished and continue to do. It seems likely your relationship with individuals and staff of Families Moving Forward and Urban Ministries may well become long lasting and strong collaborations.

Creative thinking also threads its way through your work. I am not aware of other congregations using "Harry and UU" to help children think about the environment and be part of Dumbledore Army's fight against the horcrux of environmental degradation! Also, many congregations were understandably not able to continue environmental and climate related plans through the pandemic. You were able to pivot and continue to build momentum and commitment to the work. And then there's the "Nifty Gifty" campaign! So much is so well done!

In addition to effective and comprehensive congregational "greening", mobilizing for larger impact beyond congregational walls is critical. You have engaged that work. Your very successful participation with Green Faith campaigns and the "Drawdown EcoChallenge" seemed good fits for your congregation. Your application clearly reflects your congregation's commitment to increase participation in mobilizing efforts. We encourage you to consider joining the UUA's Side with Love Action Center. (The link is available in cover email).

From the perspective of UUA Green Sanctuary program, your commitment and action are exemplary. It will be important to share your story (ongoing!) with other congregations to inspire the work we must continue to engage.



With deep gratitude and for All Earth,

Karen



Rev Karen Brammer, Manager UUA Green Sanctuary Program