



# EarthCare Connections



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Fostering awareness of our spiritual oneness with the earth and promoting active care of creation.

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## Ministries Challenged to Get Involved in EarthCare

At this year's Unity Annual People's Convention in Overland Park, Kansas, then-Board Chair Reverend Sharon Ketchum challenged all Unity spiritual centers to become involved in the EarthCare program. In the 10 years of the program's existence, only 48 congregations have been certified as EarthCare Congregations. Global warming is here and both our planet and its people need our help. By this time next year, Rev. Sharon said, 90% of all Unity congregations should at least be certified at Level A of the program.

Each member of the EarthCare Ministry Team is committed to do everything within their means to help congregations in this endeavor. We offer a variety of resources, including:

### Mentoring Calls

Facilitated by David Cordova (Unity Church of San Antonio, TX) on the second Saturday of each month, at 11 a.m. (CT), [davecordova@msn.com](mailto:davecordova@msn.com) or call 210-825-8422.

### One-on-One Coaching

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### EarthCare Website

[www.unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare](http://www.unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare)

- History of EarthCare
- Why Get Involved in EarthCare?
- How to Start a Green Team and Keep it Going

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- Sample Vision, Covenants, Vision Statements, Mission Statements and Action Plans
- Green Team Activities: Suggestions and Opportunities
- Awakening the Dreamer through Unity: What You Need to Know
- Awakening the Dreamer through Unity: User Manual
- Awakening the Dreamer through Unity: Video
- Internal Environmental/Energy Audit, Forms, and Instructions

### Sacred Activist Coaching

Complementary Discovery Session with Cylvia Hayes (Unity Community of Central Oregon), Bend, OR) at [www.cylviahayes.net](http://www.cylviahayes.net)

### Sacred Activism Workshops

Beth Remmes (Atlanta Unity, Norcross, GA) at [beth@earthspiritaction.com](mailto:beth@earthspiritaction.com) or visit [earthspiritaction.com](http://earthspiritaction.com)

Cylvia Hayes at [info@cylviahayes.com](mailto:info@cylviahayes.com)

## Unity on Cape Cod Goes Solar



In June of 2019, [Unity on Cape Cod, Hyannis, Massachusetts](#), completed a project that had been a dream of its members for a long time, most particularly Martha Powers, its EarthCare Ministry Team leader.

At first the task seemed impossible. The cost to install an array of panels for electricity generation was an investment far beyond the financial capabilities of the congregation. But through the faith and leadership of its spiritual leader (ordained non-Unity), Tony Cryer, things began to happen.

In the words of Rev. Cryer:

I practice the principles of abundance and prosperity I have learned over the years in Unity. I also know there are many avenues and expressions of divine substance available.

This is what I did. I decided to honor the fact that we as a community wanted to do our part to fight climate change and lower our electric bills. I decided to honor the fact that with God all things are possible, and moreover, already ours for the asking. So I simply asked for what I wanted. I contacted a local solar company who had installed a system on our music director's house. I told them we wanted a system on our roof that could cover our electric bill, and we did not have any funds at this time to invest in it. Most people might think I was crazy; but they saw I was serious and found a way to make it happen.

The company, [My Generation Energy](#), found investors to purchase the system, including 149 state-of-the-art solar collectors, and installed them on both sides of our roof for free. They will own the system and maintain it. We will get our electric bill paid for as long as we own this building, and the kind people who bought and paid for the equipment and labor to install it will reap the benefits of the extra electricity they sell back to the grid. They own the system and pay us to lease our roof by paying our bill.

We created, by the power of positive prayer, a win-win-win situation. By offering the roof of our building for clean energy generation, we will not only produce our own electricity, but enough electrical energy to power five buildings the size of ours, thus dramatically reducing our carbon footprint as a community.



If you are an EarthCare Ministry, or plan to become one, just ask your local solar companies what they can do for you. Weigh the options of buying, renting, or simply leasing your roof to investors in exchange for kilowatts. Whatever it takes, please say yes to your dreams, especially if they include the rest of the planet.

## Unity in Lynnwood Completes the Path to EarthCare

On July 23, 2019, Unity in Lynnwood, Washington (UIL), Dr. Richard Loren Held, Sr. Minister, completed a journey that began in 2013. On that day, they were acknowledged for having completed all seven steps on the Path to EarthCare.

The congregation has achieved many environmentally responsible activities over the years, however none is bigger than their 2016 acquisition of a 5.5-acre Natural Growth Preservation Area and salmon stream that is adjacent to UIL's building. The National Wildlife Federation certified the land as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Transient communities had subjected the site to abuse for over ten years. Since its acquisition, plans are to restore the land and salmon stream by planting indigenous plants, by removing decaying structures and trash, and by repurposing the existing trails for public use. UIL remains in partnership with local authorities as to the proper way to navigate this major undertaking.

Another worthy project is the "Do One Thing" to aid Mother Earth. On April 14, 2019, 97 people signed a pledge to do one thing from a list of suggestions from which to choose.

Congratulations Unity in Lynnwood!

## Sacred Activism Workshop

In keeping with the theme of Unity Worldwide Ministries' 2019 People's Convention of "One Humanity, Many Stories," EarthCare's Sacred Activism workshop focused on ways we can take action without losing groundedness in spiritual principles and peaceful, respectful communications.

Through stories and lessons, it was shown that a shift in consciousness can be realized as we move from ego to eco. Through this shift, we can use our God-given strengths and put our efforts in the dimension(s) where we feel called, and to feel privileged and honored to be alive during this time. The uncertainty of the way forward generates creativity—and even though we can't guarantee the outcome, we can still give ourselves to this work with unconditional love.

## How About Some Good News for a Change?

Are you as bummed out as I am by the non-stop drumbeat of bad news? It seems as though every moment of every day we are bombarded with negativity: from the environment, to politics, to wanton hatred and violence. Well, there are **many** good things happening in the world. Here are five websites that might help make your day a brighter one!

**The Daily Good**      [www.good.is](http://www.good.is) [www.dailygood.org](http://www.dailygood.org)

DailyGood is a portal that shares inspiring quotes and news stories that focus on the "good" we can find in our world daily along with a simple action to continue.

**Giraffe Heroes**      [www.giraffe.org](http://www.giraffe.org)

This nonprofit honors Giraffe Heroes—compassionate risk-takers who are largely unknown, people who have the courage to stick their necks out for the common good, in the US and around the world. It provides a free database of those real heroes in a range of topics, including the environment.

**A Network for Grateful Living**      [www.gratefulness.org](http://www.gratefulness.org)

A short video meditation awakens us to the wonders of our world, reminds us about what truly matters, and invites us to notice the everyday gifts of our lives.

**Optimist Daily**      [www.optimistdaily.com/about-us](http://www.optimistdaily.com/about-us)

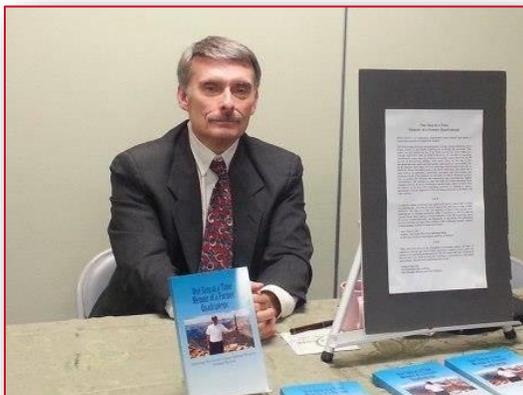
Its vision is to create an optimistic, mobilized, and solutions-focused global society making the world a healthier place for all sentient beings while regenerating the biosphere. Through positive solutions stories, Optimist Daily hopes to accelerate the shift in human consciousness by catalyzing 100,000,000 people to start each day with a positive solutions mindset.

**Positive News**      [www.positive.news](http://www.positive.news)

This is an inspiring current affairs magazine about the good things that are happening, including stories of social and environmental progress.

**Others positive sites include:**

[Unity Online Radio](#), [Gaia TV](#), [Yale Climate Connections](#), and [Daily Word](#)<sup>®</sup>.



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