

**Climate Action Group
First Unitarian Universalist Congregation
2016 Annual Report**

Group leader:

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Brief description:

- 177 members
- Group created in July 2014

Goals/ministry:

- To take actions to mitigate global climate change.
- To education congregants and others about actions to mitigate climate change.

Relation to UU core values:

- Primary relation:
7th principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Activities of our group have the primary goal of mitigating damage to the interdependent web.

- Other relations:
2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

We embrace environmental justice. We advocate solutions to climate change that do not disproportionately affect persons of low income or low political power.

Activities:

- Earth Day LED light bulb giveaway
- Support of the activities of First UU's Green Building Committee, including LED bulb installation in Sanctuary, showcase of LED bulbs in Young Room
- After church forums on 4 dates
- Participation in Michigan Climate on 12/8/15 (28+ participants)
- Participation in church service on Climate Justice on 11/22/15, including talk by Kate Hutchens
- Anti-fracking petitions, ~700 – 1,000 signatures collected

- Ongoing relationship with Citizens Climate Lobby, Ann Arbor Chapter, including hosting monthly meetings at First UU

Names of active participants:

- 177 total members
- Steering Committee: Larry Junck, Kate Hutchens, Paul Morris, Akin Oni-Orisan, John Seeley, Bennett Stark
- Other key members: Dave Friedrichs, Barb Hall, Louis Merlin, Cathy Muha

Future ideas, goals, plans:

- Additional educational programs including after-church forums
- Continued support of Citizens Climate Lobby, Ann Arbor Chapter
- Continued support of First UU's Green Building Committee
- Participation in additional Sunday services over the next year
- Possible participation in local environmental film series
- An opportunistic attitude toward involvement in local initiatives or actions