

York Center Church of the Brethren
“Green Team” Meeting Notes
February 25, 2009

Planned Green Team Activities

After a discussion of various things that could be undertaken or supported by the GT, the following activities were agreed to:

Transportation, including:

- Organizing bike or walk to church Sundays; identify routes for safe biking to church
- Use of car pools, FreeConferenceCall.com, and other strategies to reduce church-related transportation

Building Upgrades, including:

- Identifying potential upgrades that would qualify the building for possible LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) designations
- Identifying possible grants or other sources of financial support

Alternative food sources, including:

- Identifying area food sources that sell products that are locally grown, fair traded, and organic

Tracking progress, including:

- Documenting current energy use and short-term and long-term progress in reduction
- Analysis of causes of decreases (or increases)

Information exchange (Witness Commission), including:

- Publicizing activities of the Green Team and related information
- Educational events, such as Sunday School discussions
- Inviting individuals to share Green initiatives in their home or life style
- Posting this information on the YCCoB web site (with Loren)
- Organize van transportation to the Chicago Green Fair

Other

- Mug tree for use during fellowship time
- Working with Worship Commission to organize trial worship services in the Fellowship Hall to avoid cost of cooling or heating the Sanctuary
- Encouraging church participating in advocacy of environmental legislation (working with Faith in Place)
- Plant sale
- Maintain compost bin (Marty)

Next Meeting: April 29, 2009, 7 pm

Primary topic will be reports and feedback on above items