

## **Edgewood Environmental Justice Covenant**

*“O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” Psalm 104, verse 24*

We are called to care for all of God’s creations, to serve one another and to work for justice. We declare Edgewood United Church to be an environmental justice church and adopt the following covenant:

*Mindful that all things are interconnected, Edgewood United Church commits itself to caring for all of God’s creations. We will work to care for the environment in our individual, family, congregational and community life. We will work to reduce the effect that human abuses of creation have on the balance of nature, on the global climate and the worldwide inequities in the human family. We will continue to educate ourselves, act to conserve resources and work towards a more ecologically just world.*

*We covenant:*

- To educate ourselves about the environment and inspire others through our sustainable practices to protect the planet’s plants, animals and all of God’s creations.*
  - To reduce the impact of climate change by taking action in our congregation and in our own lives. We will encourage government and industry to reduce our society’s carbon footprint by supporting relevant legislation. We stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized who suffer by environmental degradation.*
  - To conserve resources sustainably. We will work to reduce our consumption of material goods and to reuse and recycle items as much as possible.*
  - To conserve and protect the planet’s water, advocate for clean and healthy water for all and to recognize that clean water is a fundamental human right.*
  - To reduce our impact on the planet by increasing our consumption of locally grown, organic and sustainable foods and buying “Fair Trade” products.*
  - To conserve energy and reduce the use of fossil fuels. We will advocate for and utilize energy from the sun, the wind and other renewable sources.*
  - To reduce our carbon footprint by using public transportation, ride sharing, bicycles and more energy-efficient vehicles.*
  - To acknowledge the connections between violence and racism, economic disparity, LGBTQ discrimination, environmental degradation and the loss of civil and human rights.*
- We will strive to live out this covenant in our worship, programs, ministries and in our daily lives.*

*-- Adopted by the congregation of Edgewood United Church on Feb. 11, 2018*