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“There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places.” Wendell Berry



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Unity EarthCare Alliance Ministry Launch

Dear UEA supporters,

Our beautiful planet needs healing, and you can help. Please [join us](#) for the new Unity EarthCare Alliance ministry's Inaugural Event Sunday, Oct. 4, 4pm ET! We intend to be a force in transforming consciousness to bring transformational actions and we hope you'll join us.

The EarthCare team has been a force in the Unity movement since 2007 and now, we're going to a whole new level by forming the Unity EarthCare Alliance MINISTRY! Unity EarthCare Alliance's mission is to inspire and motivate committed action for all creation to flourish. We envision humanity in harmonious relationship with all of nature through a consciousness of spiritual oneness. You'll learn about the many EarthCare resources you can use in your ministry and life. And you'll get to meet the 2026 Green Star Award Winners and learn from the amazing steps they're taking on behalf of our wonderful planet. You'll also get to share your ideas and insights into EarthCare actions. Click [here](#) to register for our Zoom Celebration and announcement of the Green Star Awards.

UEA's website will SOON have printable PDF of Films, Books, Songs and Quotations. Please check out our great new website at unityearthcare.org. It is filled with resources for ministers and spiritual leaders including youth lessons, prayers, 12 Powers for the Planet, and more.

With you in the divine power of Love and Wisdom, as we expand our spiritual consciousness and our practical actions,

Unity EarthCare Alliance Board and Advisory Council

Message from Kathy Harwood Long UEA Executive Spiritual Director

On October 4th, Unity EarthCare Alliance will be officially launched! We are the first earth care ministry in the movement--being built on the years of participation from countless volunteers and leaders who care for creation in our Unity movement.

Perhaps like the first people to ever launch a boat, we enter waters without a map. We, like everyone else on earth during this poignant and challenging time for the earth and all her creatures, are navigating without a guarantee of new land. Yet, we do have a way to orient ourselves: spiritual insight, dedication to the transformation possible within our individual and collective consciousness, and commitment to transformational action. We can sail through any troubled waters together, and, as we encounter the Cosmic Christ reality that calms and restores harmony for all, we serve the Divine Will for Love and care for creation day by day.

With you dear ones, jump on board, we're ready to sail! Click [here](#) to register for our Zoom Celebration and announcement of the Green Star Awards.

With love,

Kathy

Kathy Harwood Long

UEA Executive Spiritual Director

Unity EarthCare Alliance (UEA) News

Eco Holidays for Ministries and at Home: Advent-Christmas-Holidays with Rev. Kathy Harwood Long, October 8, 2026, 7 p.m. Eastern Time.
Register [here](#).



Unity Communities & Leaders Circle Portal, Earth Care Affinity Group is a great place to

connect with like-minded people. It equips Unity ministry leaders and communities to expand their impact and flourish. For more information and the link to join, visit [here](#).

UEA Website: Check out our [great new website](#). It contains resources for ministers and spiritual leaders including youth lessons, prayers, 12 Powers for the Planet and more. Information will SOON be available on printable PDF Films, Books, Songs, and Quotations.

Moments of Reflection: Both our [Facebook page](#) and website provide offerings of mini moments for reflection.

If you know anyone who would like to receive the UEA has a Monthly Newsletter, please have them [sign up for our mailing list](#).

Certification Program

Certified EarthCare Congregations Unity EarthCare Alliance is pleased to announce that Unity of Central Massachusetts, Unity of Livonia, MI, and Unity of Ft. Wayne Spiritual Center, have adopted an EarthCare Covenant and completed Step 1 (Pray) and Step 2 (Vision) on the Path to EarthCare.

In so doing, they have completed Level A of the certification process and are certified as such. The Path to EarthCare is a seven-step process that guides a congregation toward integrating an Earth-oriented spirituality into its ministry. Congregations are certified at three levels, each of which requires a greater degree of commitment to completing the Path. They are:

Level A: EarthCare Covenant

Level B: EarthCare Commitment

Level C: EarthCare Fulfillment

If you would like to know more about the Path to EarthCare and the Certification process, go to our [website](#) or write us at, unityearthcarealliance@gmail.com. We have many resources to assist you.

Growing Our Work with Love Offerings

If you would like to help support Unity EarthCare Alliance, please click [here](#). As a ministry, we are counting on love offering donations to assist us with sending team members to regional conferences, Unity convention in 2027, and other initiatives already happening in 2026. Thank you for your green energy!



Green Star Award

September 30 has been set as the deadline for [Green Star Award submissions](#), with winners to be announced on the October 4th [Zoom event](#). Activities will be for the 12 months prior to the date of the application.



Collaboration Calls

Participation continues to grow at these monthly calls thanks to the able leadership of Mary Gerken.

Here is just a sample of some of the ideas that came up at recent meetings:

September 26th is our next monthly EarthCare meeting at 11:00 Central time.

Here's our standard ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87389125744?pwd=8DgAjBrl387Ws5waNYmkk13C59o9rj.1>

Meeting ID: 873 8912 5744

Passcode: 481734

Get Out the Vote

In less than two months, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, Americans will go to the polls for one of the most important elections of our lifetime. We can't sit this one out! But before you vote, do the following:

1. Check with your local election office to make sure you are registered.
2. Determine your polling location, the days and hours in which it will be open prior to and on the day of the election.
3. If you plan to vote by mail, contact your election office and request a ballot within the time frame and conditions under which mail-in voting is allowed.
4. Become familiar with the positions of all the candidates and all other issues on the ballot.
5. If you need assistance in any way, contact your local Party's office. They will be happy to assist you.
6. Finally, if you are able and so inclined, volunteer to help a candidate or cause. I've done so many times and it gives you a deep sense of satisfaction to know you've done all you could. There are a number of resources to help you in this process:

[ELECTION PROTECTION](#): This site has several ways to help. The main site contains everything you need to know About voting in your state, including: When You Can Vote on Election Day, Where You Can Vote on Election Day, Registering to Vote, Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot, and Identification Requirements if you have moved within your state.

If You Are in the Military or Are an Overseas Voter, they also have a 24-hour hotline in four languages. The English version is 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

[STOPPING VOTER SUPPRESSION](#): Here is a way for you to take action from home or in person by serving as a nonpartisan Election Protection volunteer. Every election year they recruit, train, and deploy thousands of Election Protection volunteers across the nation that serve as voters' first line of defense against.

[DEMOCRACY DEFENDERS WITH ACLU](#): Sign up to help protect and expand voting rights, inspire civic engagement, and strengthen our democratic processes.

Remember the words of Benjamin Franklin, who when asked by Elizabeth Willing Powel if the Constitutional Convention had created a republic or a monarchy in 1787, he responded, "*A Republic Madam, if you can keep it.*" This is one of those times when you can do your part to ensure it survives.

This reminds me of one of the most prescient poems I've ever heard, [Hieroglyphic Stairway by Drew Dellinger](#). Here's an excerpt:

*it's 3:23 in the morning
and I'm awake
because my great great grandchildren
won't let me sleep
my great great grandchildren
ask me in dreams
what did you do while the planet was plundered?
what did you do when the earth was unraveling?
surely you did something
when the seasons started failing?
as the mammals, reptiles, birds were all dying?
did you fill the streets with protest
when democracy was stolen?
what did you do
once
you
knew?*

Through the principles of love and wisdom, you can make a difference by taking action on behalf of the Earth.

Namaste,
Mike McCord
Editor

This is the work of our lifetime, so why don't we find ways to make it delightful?
Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson in *What If We Get It Right? Visions of Climate Futures*



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