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Congregations and congregants working together to restore Earth and renew Spirit.

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix Green Sanctuary Committee Susan Leung, Chair 4027 E. Lincoln Dr Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Congratulations! With this letter, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, Office of Congregational Stewardship Services is honored to formally recognize the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix an Accredited Green Sanctuary.

We appreciate your thorough documentation of your Green Sanctuary activities. Descriptions of each activity helped us to understand how much you have accomplished. You have succeeded in integrating the Green Sanctuary program goals into the ongoing life of your congregation through the many projects you have carried out. Your application offers strong evidence of the positive environmental consciousness that has developed in your congregation, resulting in new behaviors and new lifestyle choices by members individually and by the congregation as a whole. We were especially inspired by environmental justice work your congregation has done with community organizations that you already have relationships with. Additionally, your "Membership Profiles with Green Focus" sound like they were fun and a good way to share with others "green practices" your members are already doing.. You now have a great foundation for continuing action in the future.

We know you are looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments with your congregation. Your Green Sanctuary certificate is being sent under a separate cover for you to display in a prominent place. You will be recognized as an Accredited Green Sanctuary at General Assembly 2010 in Minneapolis.

We encourage all congregations to continue engaging in stewardship of the Earth even after they have become an Accredited Green Sanctuary. In four-to-five years, as you look towards re-accreditation in for years we encourage you to focus on engaging the entire congregation and reporting back the results of your work to your members and friends. We do hope that you will become "a Beacon in the Desert for this very important issue." I do hope you are proud of your accomplishments. You have truly taken the goals of the Green Sanctuary Program to heart. Again, congratulations on successfully becoming an Accredited Green Sanctuary. Your accomplishments serve as a beacon of hope, demonstrating that we can all make a difference!

To a greener faith-community and world,

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"It's not easy being Green." – Kermit the Frog