

# A Green Awakening...



## The Green Awakening Network & Greening Sacred Spaces

### Greening Our Faith Communities: Annual Leaders Forum

Sunday, March 7, 2010 \* Eastminster United Church (310 Danforth Ave, Toronto)

#### Program Overview:

10.30	Morning Eco Worship with Mardi Tindal Preaching
12.45	Forum Registration Opens
1:30	Welcome & Introductions Opening Remarks by Alanna Mitchell
2.00	Workshop Round 1 (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Started: An Introductory Workshop for Congregations</li> <li>• Footprints &amp; Audits: How a Green Audit Can Help You Reduce Your Church's Footprint</li> <li>• Towards a Zero Footprint: Faith Communities &amp; Major Remediation Projects</li> <li>• Solar Energy for Faith Communities: A New Greening Sacred spaces Program</li> </ul>
3.05	Workshop Round 2 (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Started: An introductory Workshop for Congregations</li> <li>• Footprints &amp; Audits: How a Green Audit Can Help You Reduce Your Church's Footprint</li> <li>• Towards a Zero Footprint: Faith Communities &amp; Major Remediation Projects</li> <li>• Solar Energy for Faith Communities: A New Greening Sacred spaces Program</li> </ul>
4.00	Break <i>Water will be available in the Narthex</i>
4.15	Interfaith Panel Mardi Tindal, Moderator, United Church of Canada (Christian), Sensei Henderson, Toronto Zen Center Rabbi Debra Landsberg, Temple Emanu-El, Toronto Dr Hind Al-Abadleh, Islam & the Environment Specialist, Wilfred Laurier Uni. <i>Moderator: Alanna Mitchell</i>
5.30	Green Sacred Space Awards: Kitchener-Waterloo Area Recipients
5.40	Thanks to our hosts & blessings on food and travellers
5.50	Shared Meal & Green Sacred Space Awards: Hamilton & Toronto Area Recipients <i>(the meal will feature a delicious three-course vegan dinner prepared with local and organic ingredients and fair-trade coffee and tea)</i>

## Workshop Overviews:

### #1 Getting Started: An Introductory Workshop for Congregations

How can you get your congregation started in taking up the green challenge? What's a 'Green Team'? What are some of the programs and resources that Green Awakening & Greening Sacred Spaces offer to help you in our work? What are the different types of action you can promote in faith communities and within your local community? Some key ideas, practical programs and basic resources will be available to participants in this workshop.

*Led by members of the Green Awakening Network & Greening Sacred Spaces teams*

### #2 Footprints & Audits: How a Green Audit Can Help You Reduce Your Church's

Footprint The appropriate green audit of your building can give a good indication of the best steps to take to reduce the carbon footprint of your faith community's built-space. This workshop will give you an overview of what is involved in an energy audit, the results you can expect, and also indicate the alternative forms of audit that are available. Members of congregations that have had audits and taken steps to act on them will share their experiences.

*Led by Bill Whiting, a Program Manager with GreenSaver. Responses from members of St Francis RC congregation in Kitchener and Eastminster & Newtonbrook United Church Green Teams, Toronto.*

### #3 Towards A Zero Footprint: Faith Communities & Major Remediation Programs

Hillcrest Mennonite Church in New Hamburg, is one of the churches in the region working towards installing Solar PV panels as part of their carbon footprint reduction plan. They will share their story of the 'inspiration' (theological and information groundwork) and 'preparation' (technical and financial planning) involved in moving a faith community to undertake a major project like this.

*Led by Rob Yost of Hillcrest Mennonite Church.*

### #4 Using Your Rituals/Greening Your Worship

At the centre of faith community life is worship and spirituality. What are some of the ways in which environmental concerns can be appropriately and properly engaged through worship? What resources and opportunities already exist to help us do this? Examples, sources and resources will be shared; guiding principles considered; consecrated imaginations challenged.

*Led by Ralph Wushke (Bathurst United Church) & a guest presenter from another faith tradition (at both workshop rounds)*

### #5 Solar Energy For Faith Communities - A New Greening Sacred Spaces Program

Greening Sacred Spaces announced in December the award of a grant from Live Green Toronto to pilot solar developments with faith communities in Toronto. This will give the opportunity to help install solar systems on religious buildings and assist faith communities across the country in utilizing a clean, renewable energy source. The workshop will introduce the new program.

*Led by David Patterson, Greening Sacred Spaces*

*Each of the five workshops will be available twice. Please use the registration form to rank your top two preferences and a third 'alternate' choice for use **in** the event that **any** workshops are full.*

*Please Note: Registration deadline to be included for the shared meal is **noon on** March 1<sup>st</sup>.*