

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity Name/Title Green Sanctuary Team Chair

Service Opportunity Brief Description:

In the era of planetary crisis due to climate change, the Green Sanctuary Team provides a moral compass for the congregation on environmental issues. The chair guides the team and liaisons with the Social Responsibilities Council.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description:

Consistent with our 7th Principle – “respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part” – Green Sanctuary urges each person in the congregation to be active on an individual as well as a societal level on environmental issues. To this end, Green Sanctuary provides education, encouragement, camaraderie, and fun.

Recent projects include: sponsoring movies, speakers, and workshops on many topics including climate justice, geothermal heat systems, rooftop solar, the population crisis, recycling, composting, and zero waste efforts. Green Sanctuary presents an Earth Day service each year. They work with local activist groups such as the Sheridan Hollow Alliance for Renewable Energy (SHARE) and PAUSE (“buy local, grow local”) to advocate for environmental justice. They lobby the state legislature on environmental legislation and the governor’s office to demand that he walk his talk to address the climate crisis.

The chair organizes monthly meetings of the team, providing an agenda, and making sure action items are assigned and carried out. Since the Green Sanctuary Team is a subteam under the Social Responsibilities Council (SRC), it is the Chair’s responsibility to attend SRC meetings or to designate one of the Team members as liaison to attend them.

Length of Service Commitment: 1 year

This opportunity will enable you to guide the Albany UU members who are most committed to doing something about the climate crisis, some of the most important work of our times.

Skills Needed:

The chair should have organizational and leadership skills. No other special skills are required, since other members of the Team can provide the additional necessary skills, such as use of social media for social justice advocacy.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements:

No special training is needed.

Number of positions available: 1

Key words: environment, advocacy, social justice, economic justice, climate change