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MINISTRY FOR EARTH

*Respect Life. Restore Earth. Renew Spirit.*

## Prospectus

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UUMFE is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2002 as the Seventh Principle Project of the UUA, now doing business as Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth.

**Mission:** Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE) combines the energies and inspiration of over 7,000 members and UU activists to empower bold, accountable, faith-grounded action for environmental justice. With a sense of urgency and concern for Earth and all beings, we work collectively and in partnerships with the framework of race- and class-informed environmental justice and climate justice, striving to center the leadership and needs of frontline communities. We ground our work in the Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

**Programs:** In recent years, UUMFE has sponsored the UU Young Adults for Climate Justice (UUYACJ) network and provided key programming and leadership for Unitarian Universalist climate and environmental justice ministries. UUMFE recently innovated its website and online resource offerings, and is currently partnering with the Unitarian Universalist Association to develop and launch [CreateClimateJustice.net](http://CreateClimateJustice.net) --- a new platform for mobilization and relationship-building among climate-justice-seeking activists, groups, and coalitions. UUMFE is also supporting the formation of a UUs of Color Environmental Justice Caucus and continues to support the UUYACJ. For more info, visit [UUMFE.org/act](http://UUMFE.org/act).

**Finances:** Through the generosity of individual and congregational supporters and grantors – recently including the UUA and Cedar Tree Foundation – UUMFE is in an excellent financial position.

- FY 2016-17 income = \$104,629 (donations = \$37,823; program grants = \$47,080; FY 2015-16 programs balance carry-forward to FY 2016-17 budget = \$19,726)
- FY 2016-17 expenses = \$115,155 (administration = \$31,108; programs = \$61,847; fundraising = \$417; FY 2016-17 programs balance carry-forward to FY 2017-18 budget = \$21,783)
- End of FY 2016-17 cash reserves = \$29,362 (in addition to FY 2017-18 programs balance carry-forward)

**History:** UUMFE was founded in response to a need for individuals and congregations to live out more fully the UUA Seventh Principle in worship, education and community justice programs. Beginning in 1989 as the Seventh Principle Project, the group published the first edition of the Green Sanctuary Handbook in 1991. In 2006, the newly-named UUMFE began providing Earth Day materials for congregations, and lead in the adoption of the UUA 2006 Statement of Conscience on the Threat of Global Warming/Climate Change. UUMFE had convened a panel of climate change experts and justice activists to inform this groundbreaking statement.

The UUMFE Green Sanctuary congregational accreditation program was gifted to the UUA in 2008, and UUMFE began to expand its focus and actions on environmental justice, partnering with organizations such as 350.org, frontline communities, the UU state advocacy networks, Interfaith coalitions, and other UU groups to inform and amplify the impact of our work. In 2012, UUMFE published an environmental justice curriculum that is incorporated into most Green Sanctuary accreditation plans – Our Place in the Web of Life, now in the second edition. UUMFE provided key leadership and program support for the denomination-wide Commit2Respond campaign, from 2014 through its end in 2017, and continues to play a key role in UU climate justice advocacy and witness.