



Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth
Earth Day 2013: Working Towards Sustainable Communities

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Identify Your Local Eco-Hero Nominate Him/Her as a Guardian of the Future

Is there an UUUnsung environmental hero in your congregation? Often grassroots activists in our midst go unrecognized, yet their efforts to protect the world's natural resources are increasingly critical to the continued well being of Earth.

For Earth Day 2012, UU Ministry for Earth (UUMFE) invites you to identify and celebrate someone in your congregation who has made a significant effort that you would identify as Earth ministry by naming him or her a local Eco-Hero. This person could become the UU Ministry for Earth Guardian of the Future honoree at General Assembly 2012 if you choose to submit a nomination.

Eco-Hero Recognition

- Identify an individual within your congregation who has done outstanding, dedicated work to build a just and sustainable Earth.
- Contact your Board or Worship Committee to plan for recognition of this person as your congregation's Eco-Hero as part of your Earth Day service.
- Complete the specially designed Eco-Hero certificate to present on Earth Sunday.
- Include your honoree's name and a brief bio when you register your Earth Day event on the UUMFE website – we include it in the event listing that we publish on the website.

Guardian of the Future Nomination

- Nominate your honoree for the **Guardian of the Future** award by printing out and completing the form on the next page and answering the questions on the following page. It will be necessary to conduct an interview with your nominee to complete your nomination.

Mail the completed nomination, no later than April 30, 2013, to:

UU Ministry for Earth, 1034 SW 13th Ave, Portland, OR 97205

You may also provide all requested information in a Word document and e-mail it to:

office@uuministryforearth.org

Nomination for Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth Guardian of the Future Award

Name of Nominating Congregation: _____

District: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title or role in congregation: _____

Contact address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please describe for us your nominee.

Nominee's name: _____

Nominee's phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Nominee's occupation: _____

Any other biographical information you would especially like us to know:

Answer the four questions below on a separate sheet (500 word maximum for each question).

- 1) Describe the unique contributions your nominee has made to engage your congregation in Earth ministry. Many in our UU Earth community recycle, organize courses, etc. Our Guardian of the Future will be that person who has significantly inspired new understanding and behavior in others.
- 2) Describe how your nominee is working to build environmental justice and how he or she is helping others in your congregation to take that work out into your larger community.
- 3) Describe how your nominee makes care and celebration of the Earth central to both his or her personal life and the life of your congregation and wider community.
- 4) What has been the most transformative impact of your nominee on your congregation and your wider community?

Interview your nominee and write a brief response to the following questions or ask your nominee to write his or her response (150 word maximum for each question).

- 1) What inspires the nominee's commitment?
- 2) What sustains the nominee in his or her work?
- 3) What does the nominee find most rewarding about his or her Earth ministry?
- 4) How has the nominee been changed by this work?