



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Community | Spirituality | Justice

Earthkeepers Accomplishments

For the Church

- Ongoing work to beautify "The Point."
- Trimmed selected shrubs on the grounds.
- Banded and un-banded trees to protect them from insects.
- Helped plan Earth Day worship services.
- Contributed articles on recycling, idling, CFL bulbs, etc.
- Purchased a banner of the earth as seen from space for use by the church.
- Submitted recommendations to staff on making the church more energy efficient.
- Arranged for recycling containers in a church parking lot.
- Promoted recycling of white paper.
- Put up a birdhouse.
- Set up a churchwide recycling program for CFL light bulbs and batteries.
- Helped prepare a God's Garden unit on Justice for the Earth.
- Put reminder cards about turning off lights on switches around campus.
- Promoted a Stop Idling campaign with Through-the-Week school.
- Catalyst for formation of a church task force to examine big issues on MPBC energy use.
- Pushed for Free Trade coffee on Sunday mornings and for recyclable paper goods.
- Arranged to have the church fertilize the grounds twice a year with organic fertilizer rather than five times a year with nonorganic.
- Helped get light sensors installed in several church bathrooms.
- Pushed to have the air conditioning temperature raised in the sanctuary in summer to save energy.
- Requested Saturday of Service participants to bring recyclable plastic or reusable bottles.
- Provide regular information about ecology issues available for congregation.

- Catalyst for solar panels on education building.
- Catalyst for Church's Friendship Community Garden.
- Helped plan dedication of Solar Panels.

For the Community

- Presented the eco-films "Kilowatt Hours, An Inconvenient Truth, Gasland and GreenFire."
- Distributed CFL light bulbs to Lakewood families and helped weatherize homes.
- Donated flower bulbs to the Urban Ministry Center garden.
- Solicited and distributed energy saving tips from congregation.
- Partnered with environmental organizations on eco-education programs for the community.
- Provided speakers to local congregations and ministry groups on environmental stewardship.

Certifications and Awards

- EarthKeepers received an award from the Carolinas Clean Air Coalition for their work in "spirituality and ecology."
- Helped our campus receive certification as a F.A.I.T.H. habitat, mindful of environment, plants, animals.
- Hosted GreenFaith's Ground for Hope environmental stewardship conference.
- Received "Cool Congregation" award from Interfaith Power and Light for becoming first congregation in Charlotte to install solar panels.
- Sponsored an EarthKeepers member to participate in the GreenFaith Fellowship program.