

**Community Church of Durham, UCC
Green Statement**

Voted on by Church Members at our Annual Meeting on May 15, 2016

Committed to the call of God as expressed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and guided by our Covenant, the Community Church of Durham, United Church of Christ, declares itself to be a Green Congregation, dedicated to the care of God's creation. We embrace, affirm and celebrate the interconnectedness of all creation as a manifestation of God. We believe that attitudes and acts of injustice, exploitation, carelessness and indifference toward the Earth and the vast cosmos that sustains us do not reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ and our Christian tradition.

Therefore, we dedicate ourselves to the transformation of our relationship with God's creation. We commit to a continuing process of learning and of adapting our energy, faith and resources to restore and protect Earth's ecological integrity.

With gratitude for the beauty of the Earth, and with compassion for all forms of life, plant, animal, eco-systems and communities, we commit ourselves to this Earth-honoring faith made visible in word, work and witness, so that all might enjoy the gifts and blessings of creation now and into the future.