

At General Assembly 2009 in Salt Lake City, UT, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) Office of Congregational Stewardship Services (CSS) celebrated the accreditation of 25 congregations. At that time there were 98 accredited Green Sanctuaries with 116 congregations in candidacy. That's a total of 214 or 20% of all UU congregations. To view the whole list of accredited Green Sanctuaries go to <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/greensanctuary/index.shtml> and click on "Green Sanctuaries" in the left-hand purple bar.

Over the summer, the Green Sanctuary Program has continued to thrive. We have received so many applications in the last few months that we are adding a third Green Sanctuary review team which will begin reviewing applications in October. Applications for both candidacy and accreditation are accepted and reviewed year-round on a rolling basis. Please send your application electronically to greensanctuary@uua.org when you feel that it is ready for review.

The UUA Office of CSS is committed to continuing to grow the Green Sanctuary Program and will be providing more resources for congregations. A newly updated Green Sanctuary Manual will be released in September. Additionally, a comprehensive review of environmentally themed books, films, and websites is being regularly updated on the Green Sanctuary web pages: www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/greensanctuary/index.shtml and click on "Resources for Green Sanctuaries" in the left-hand purple bar.

In the Fall, congregations should check their mailboxes for a copy of the interfaith film *Renewal* and "Renewal: A Guide for Screening and Using the Documentary" these are being provided to all UUA congregations. If you have not received your copy by the end of October please contact greensanctuary@uua.org.