



**Congregational Annual Meeting Agenda
Sunday, January 25 2009**

Fellowship Hall – 12:45 to 2:45 pm

		<u>Time</u>
1)	Chalice Lighting and reading of the Earth Charter Principles	12:45
2)	Opening Words	Bruce Prince
3)	Read in Unison: "We covenant to try always to treat each other with kindness and respect for the unique human being each of us is, and the unique gifts each of us has to offer, as together we hold this church in trust."	
4)	Acknowledgements/Announcements	Mark de Solla Price Peter J. Robinson, Jr.
5)	Senior Minister's Report	Rev. Bruce Southworth 1:00
6)	Board of Trustees Chair Report	Mark de Solla Price 1:10
7)	Nominating Committee Report with Slate of All Candidates	Nominating Committee 1:20
8)	Statements by All Candidates (1-2 minutes each)	
9)	Election of Trustees-at-Large, Officers, Nominating Committee, and Church Council Members-at-Large	Vote 1:40
10)	Treasurer's Report	Mary Dugan 1:50
11)	Committee on Ministry Study Group Report	Anna-Lisa Hafgren 2:00
12)	Announcement of Election Results	
13)	Accept November 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes	Vote 2:10
14)	Nomination of Gini Courter for UUA Moderator	Vote
15)	Additional Discussion or Action on Printed and/or Verbal Reports	
16)	Congregational Poll UUA Study-Action "Peacemaking" Resolution	Christie Jeffers 2:20
17)	Other Business and Open Questions and Answers	Your Board of Trustees 2:30
18)	Closing Words	Janice Marie Johnson 2:40

The Earth Charter Principles

Adopted by the world community in June 2000; adopted by UUA as Action of Immediate Witness in June 2002; adopted by Community Church NY UU in March 2004.

I. RESPECT AND CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LIFE

- 1) Respect Earth and life in all its diversity.
- 2) Care for the community of life with understanding, compassion, and love.
- 3) Build democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable, and peaceful.
- 4) Secure Earth's bounty and beauty for present and future generations.

II. ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY

- 5) Protect and restore the integrity of Earth's ecological systems, with special concern for biological diversity and the natural processes that sustain life.
- 6) Prevent harm as the best method of environmental protection and, when knowledge is limited, apply a precautionary approach.
- 7) Adopt patterns of production, consumption, and reproduction that safeguard Earth's regenerative capacities, human rights, and community well being.
- 8) Advance the study of ecological sustainability and promote the open exchange and wide application of the knowledge acquired.

III. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- 9) Eradicate poverty as an ethical, social, and environmental imperative.
- 10) Ensure that economic activities and institutions at all levels promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner.
- 11) Affirm gender equality and equity as prerequisites to sustainable development and ensure universal access to education, health care, and economic opportunity.
- 12) Uphold the right of all, without discrimination, to a natural and social environment supportive of human dignity, bodily health, and spiritual well being, with special attention to the rights of indigenous peoples and minorities.

IV. DEMOCRACY, NONVIOLENCE, AND PEACE

- 13) Strengthen democratic institutions at all levels, and provide transparency and accountability in governance, inclusive participation in decision-making, and access to justice.
- 14) Integrate into formal education and life-long learning the knowledge, values, and skills needed for a sustainable way of life.
- 15) Treat all living beings with respect and consideration.
- 16) Promote a culture of tolerance, nonviolence, and peace.

To become active in the **New York City Earth Charter Alliance** that originated at **Community Church NY UU** as part of the Earth Charter Summit on the Climate Crisis on 10/11/2008, please talk with a member of the **UNGA Committee** or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nycecall/>