



Pilgrim Center – UCCI  
Green Tier Application  
Attachment 2

Pilgrim Center – UCCI has two major established environmental practices. We have developed and implemented both a recycling and composting program at our facility. These programs continue to be evaluated and improved through incorporating new practices and techniques. In addition we continue to combat invasive species on our property primarily with the help of volunteer groups and staff. Recently we expanded our supervision of this program with the development of a year round Earth Ministry Coordinator. This coordinator has also taken over our environmental education programs conducted at our summer camps and retreats. These programs strive to provide hands on learning about environmental issues, stewardship and outdoor recreation and safety.

Our newest facility on site, Ley Chapel, was built with a geo-thermal unit installed in order to lower heating and cooling costs. We have established several rain gardens on-site to help with the amount of water that is collected by the larger buildings on site.

Our future plans are to create a show place for the heartland community to demonstrate eco-friendly technologies and practices. We are actively trying to get solar collectors and a wind turbine. We are also putting in gardens this spring. One is a vegetable garden the other is a "seven tier forest permaculture garden." Additional projects that we are working on include removing the culverts on our property to decrease run-off into the lake. We recently began a reforestation effort in hopes of reinvigorating the flora within our wooded areas. We are developing partnerships with community organizations to provide educational opportunities and programming both at our facility and in the greater Green Lake community as well as the state of Wisconsin. We also continue to learn about best practices in respect to invasive species control and eradication, green building, composting, and overall care of the environment.

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