**Caring for Creation Resolutions**

**Somehow the very act of writing down a New Year’s Resolution makes it real. And actually revealing it publicly** makes it almost impossible to ignore. So, we the members of Caring for Creation, reveal to you our own resolutions for 2016. The sustainability of our Earth is at risk; we know if enough of us work together, one by one we can make a difference. The alternative is unthinkable.

If our resolutions encourage you to do the same, please write one or two of your own. Send them to judi.davenport@aol.com Caring for Creation will publish some of yours here throughout 2016 to help reinforce your commitment and to give others ideas of what they can do to help sustain our Earth.

Then, join us on Sunday, January 3rd when our church receives the honor of an Earth Flag from the DuPage County Board to commemorate our church’s progress in implementing sustainability initiatives. Have some cake and sign the tablecloth in Fellowship Hall with your resolution(s) to do something new in 2016 to help sustain our Earth.

**Caring for Creation 2016 Resolutions:**

*I resolve to ride my bike to and from the train station for work one day a week in the spring and summer.*

*I resolve to better insulate our attic. Tom Eisenhart*

We resolve to have a group of neighbors sit in on a Scarce home energy audit program.

We’ll continue our new composting practices.

We won’t vote for anyone who doesn’t take the care of the earth seriously.

I (Scott) hope to get that green resolution before our churches at the spring Association meeting.

I (Robin) will resolve to have less of a lawn and more of a garden. *Scott and Robin Oberle*

*We plan to schedule an energy audit on our house during 2016 and work to “patch up” any deficiencies.*

*We plan to support only “green” candidates for public office*

*We will continue replacing incandescent and CFL light bulbs with LED’s*

*We pledge to use our garbage disposal less Bill and Barb Hammack*

I will add insulation to our attic space*. Len Clark*

*I will eat beef no more than three meals a week. Judi Davenport*

I will reduce my driving mileage by 10% a week. *Jan Hessler*

*We will start composting this year.*

*We're going to get a green energy audit of our house.*

*Kristin will continue to be a vegetarian, and Dave and Noah will continue to consume only a limited amount of meat. Dave Keavney and Kristin Cotts*

To consistently search out products from companies who are trying to make a difference and be more responsible to our environment. My most recent find is socks from PACT. PACT uses;

Non GMO Organic cotton Family run farms

Non toxic ingredients Sweatshop free factory

Renewable energy Wind powered factory

I am looking for more companies like PACT. *Pam Toleikis*

*I'm going to change all of our bulbs to more energy efficient alternatives and use fewer plastics in the house. Colleen Schwarz*

My resolution is to find a place that will recycle textiles such as worn out clothing & linens that are no longer usable, and therefore can’t be donated to a charity such as Goodwill, Purple Heart, etc. *Laurel Carlson*

We resolve to

\* support  candidates running for office with platforms and priorities that address climate change both nationally and globally

\* convert the rest of our lights bulbs (including our Christmas ones) to LEDs and

\* walk/bike/carpool to church whenever feasible to help reduce our carbon footprint. *Sandy and Rich Toleikis*