

### **A local community response regarding Communities and Ecology.**

Thunder Bay Christian Life Communities collectively do the following and have taken on a project of Community Gardening and the distribution of Spring Water to members.

#### Environment and Ecology

After prayer and reflection the answer to Part 1 of Thunder Bay communities are as follows:

- 1) Collect and compost
- 2) Recycle and pick up garbage on the street
- 3) Limit bathing water or hand wash water
- 4) Gather almost all amounts of paper for recycle
- 5) Wash clothes in cold water and ¼ load for smaller amounts
- 6) Cook in the evening to limit electricity
- 7) Keep dishwater all day to wash dishes throughout the day by just adding a bit of water
- 8) Buy recycled clothes
- 9) Garden fresh vegetables
- 10) Try to help keep environment natural to bring the bees in the yard.
- 11) Use detergents and cleaning agents that are environmentally friendly
- 12) Do not use pesticides in the garden, Use natural fertilizers such as fish and compost
- 13) Keep furnace at a set temp: lower if possible:
- 14) Try to limit air conditioning to the few hottest days of summer
- 15) Help with Community Garden for St. Anne's Church and preparation of vegetables.
- 16) Try to buy local produce.
- 17) Educate myself more on Monsanto and what he proposes to do with our food and alternating the original dna or gno of wheat etc.
- 18) Educate myself on how pervasive this is in the world.
- 19) Disposing needles, batteries, Freon properly as dictated by government.
- 20) Don't fly
- 21) Small car
- 22) Air dry my clothes
- 23) Stick to speed limit (most of time)
- 24) Take used electronics to dealer
- 25) Take unused medications back to drugstore(3)
- 26) Bring own bags for groceries and recycle the ones I do use (plastic)
- 27) We compost food and vegetable waste and use Australian red worms to help break it down
- 28) We grow vegetables and lawn without using pesticides or fertilizers except compost
- 29) We do not use antibacterial dish detergent or hand soap
- 30) We grow milk weed for monarch butterfly reproduction
- 31) We have signed petitions against the use of nictinoids which kill bees
- 32) I do not purchase any cosmetics, soap, etc that contain the little plastic beads
- 33) I watch for any thing that contains parabens to avoid purchasing
- 34) We do not use bottled water
- 35) We purchase much food from bulk stores
- 36) Thunder Bay on the whole has gone green and programs involved is included in this link

## **Part 11**

Overall everyone felt they would continue to do what they are doing but felt they could do more:

Our failures:

Not paying attention to excessive packaging .

Not trying to buy environmentally friendly materials in clothing, etc

Not speaking up to those in government to promote the formulation and passing of laws that promote respect and care for creation.

Project as Community: Thunder Bay CLC: Joshua Tree and Oramus : Fr. Larry Kroker S.J.

Community Garden: As a Thunder Bay Community we would like to collaborate with Kateri Church, Fr. Larry Kroker s.j. to help maintain a garden at St. Anne's Parish. Fruits of garden would go to Kateri Church to feed the people, for soups on Sun. and Mon. and for special prayer days where the Native Peoples gather.

Fr. Larry Kroker s.j. has also offered to bring spring water from a spring for anyone who would like some to help stop buying bottled water and to avoid all additives in our own drinking water.

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