

## **2015-2016 FCBSGreen Annual Report**

FCBSGreen continued strongly with its education and facilities activities, focusing on divestment, solar energy, and building efficiency. It distributed the major results of its Spring 2015 congregational survey by multiple means, including the fact that *70% of the survey responders consider that personal environmental actions are one way to live our UU values. And, another 29% were in the "mostly" or "somewhat" category, making for 99% of the responses.* It refined the committee charter which was approved by the Parish Board again. FCBSGreen members made a presentation at virtually every Parish Board meeting; communicated numerous times with FCB financial committee members; and held many meetings and conference calls with experts on divestment from other churches, the UUA chief investment officer, and others. Committee members provided information on solar power and divestment at coffee hour tables on many Sundays. It met regularly as a whole and in sub-groups.

### Education/Worship Activities (including the extensive communications above):

- October 25: Climate Activism in Boston (co-sponsor: Adult RE) featuring members of 350MA, Mothers Out Front, and Sustainable Belmont.
- March 6: Solar Workshop (co-sponsor: Town of Belmont)
- April 10: Co-sponsor of the film *Merchants of Doubt* (with Temple Beth El and others)
- April 17: Earth Day Sunday (in collaboration with Rev. Bryce): organization and participation; introduction of an FCB divestment FAQ sheet at coffee hours

### Facilities Activities:

- Consultations with Hank Anthony (original HVAC engineer) and retrieval of FCB equipment manuals from him
- Discussions about alternative ideas for boiler replacement
- Requested and received funding from the Parish Board for data loggers to investigate FCB energy systems
- Sought out and received solar proposals for FCB for future consideration
- Investigation of LED parking lot lights

FCBSGreen continues its work through the end of the church year and hopes to bring church divestment to a vote by the end of Fall 2016.