

Greening of UCiM Campaign Accountability Report to the Congregation April 2025

A Congregational decision to install a geothermal system was made in April 2023 at our Annual Meeting after careful evaluation of the options for over a year. Please see the **Accountability Report of October 2023 and the Accountability Report of October 2024** for our beginnings of this project.

Greening Steering Committee

We have been continuing to meet regularly, every 4-6 weeks, since June 6, 2023. A dedicated group of volunteers!

Things we have done since the October 2024 update!

In November 2024 the Greening Steering Committee members and many other members of UCiM starting meeting with Lori Stewart (social science researcher), who is writing our **Innovation Report** for Efficiency Manitoba.

Received several more **donations and pledges** from congregants giving us a small surplus that will be held for any unforeseen items related to Geothermal before the congregation decides what's next.

Started repaying the \$150 000 **loan** from United Church of Canada to help us pay the invoices as they come in from the contractors and as we wait for our remaining grants to come in.

Applied to and was successful in getting a **grant** of \$27 000 from the Merit Program.

The GeoThermal system was **activated** on December 24, 2024! It works! The building is a consistent, lovely warm temperature. We look forward to summer and trying out the air conditioning feature!

Work was done on **commissioning** of the system, getting permits closed off.

Work continues on **training** people on maintenance of the system, and **collecting data** needed to get our remaining grants.

Awarded Mike Balshaw with the inaugural **Green Steward Award** for his role in the advocacy of this Geothermal project.

The “**Greening**” **web page** has been updated to reflect the completion of the GeoThermal project and now focuses on continuing to be “**Green Leaders**” into the future.

The bulletin board has been updated.