

# Green Camp Covenant

*A covenant is a sacred agreement of relationship between two parties, one of whom is often God.*

*A covenant is meant to be an eternal agreement that is reflected in the conditions of the lived relationship.*

*When people come to United Church camps and education centres, they discover practices and attitudes that reflect many ideals of Christian community. Within this model, all participants have value, responsibilities, opportunities, and mutuality in relationships.*

*The Green Camp Covenant is intended to include the earth within this relationship. Many of us take from the earth daily through our food, our air, our clothing, and our livelihoods, without consideration of what to give back. This covenant describes how to balance our “gives” with our “takes.”*

*The communities at United Church camps and education centres have the opportunity to offer leadership to the rest of the Christian community through education and practice of the following:*

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Camp Bimini recognizes that as a camp we have a unique role and responsibility to play in protecting God’s creation and maintaining places where people of faith come to experience God. We commit ourselves, in as many ways as possible, to the following:

1. When making decisions about how to use the lands, consider the sacred nature of the land as part of God’s creation.
2. To conserve energy in as many ways as possible.
3. To practice conservation in our use of water.
4. To practice conservation of our soil resources, protect groundcovers and keep them as natural as possible.
5. To recycle our waste in as many ways as possible, seeking to achieve sustainability.
6. To reduce organic waste by composting, adding soil back to the earth.
7. To purchase environmentally sustainable products as recognition that our lifestyles and consumer decisions have profound environmental and justice impacts on God’s creation.
8. To continue to educate those who use our camp and education centres about the sacred and to teach them how to live in recognition of this sacredness.
9. To embody these strategies and commitments at home and beyond the camp environment.

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