

## SCN Land and Buildings

### Guiding Values and Principles for Decision Making

#### Values

We SCNs and Associates believe that the earth is an integral part of our mission. We reverence the sacredness and interconnectedness of all creation and commit ourselves to a sustainable relationship with the earth.

In order that our decisions about land and buildings reflect these values, we will be guided by the following **Principles**:

1. Our land is a gift of God's Providence entrusted to our care as a resource for mission.
2. We will continue to educate ourselves and others regarding the environment and the new cosmology.
3. Decisions regarding land and buildings will include:
  - eco-friendly consciousness and futuristic vision
  - discernment across the congregation as appropriate
  - consultation with experts and others who have had experience in making such decisions
  - consideration of the impact of this decision on those who are poor and marginalized, especially women
  - willingness to creatively repurpose or relinquish for the sake of mission
4. Collaboration with others is indispensable in using earth's resources in a sustainable manner.

...and to Care for the Earth  
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