

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton Personal Survey

| 1. REDUCE SOLID WASTE                  |                          |                   |                   |            |                |                |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | I always do              | I usually do      | I sometimes do    | I never do | Not applicable | Response Count |
| Compost yard waste and kitchen scraps  | <b>37.8% (45)</b>        | 17.6% (21)        | 6.7% (8)          | 31.9% (38) | 5.9% (7)       | 119            |
| Do curbside recycling                  | <b>84.7% (100)</b>       | 10.2% (12)        | 0.8% (1)          | 1.7% (2)   | 2.5% (3)       | 118            |
| Use re-usable plates, flatware, cups   | 33.9% (40)               | <b>57.6% (68)</b> | 6.8% (8)          | 1.7% (2)   | 0.0% (0)       | 118            |
| Limit use of highly packaged foods     | 10.1% (12)               | <b>44.5% (53)</b> | 37.8% (45)        | 7.6% (9)   | 0.0% (0)       | 119            |
| Use re-usable bags when shopping       | 20.2% (24)               | <b>41.2% (49)</b> | 26.1% (31)        | 12.6% (15) | 0.0% (0)       | 119            |
| Buy used items when practical          | 12.6% (15)               | 27.7% (33)        | <b>52.1% (62)</b> | 7.6% (9)   | 0.0% (0)       | 119            |
| Donate unneeded useful items to others | <b>43.7% (52)</b>        | 37.8% (45)        | 17.6% (21)        | 0.8% (1)   | 0.0% (0)       | 119            |
|  | <b>answered question</b> |                   |                   |            |                | <b>119</b>     |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  |                   |                   |            |                | <b>0</b>       |

| 2. REDUCE ENERGY USE: TRANSPORTATION                     |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|  | I always do              | I usually do      | I sometimes do    | I never do        | Not applicable    | Response Count |
| Plan errands to minimize trips                           | 30.5% (36)               | <b>56.8% (67)</b> | 11.9% (14)        | 0.0% (0)          | 0.8% (1)          | 118            |
| Walk or use a bicycle for short trips                    | 10.2% (12)               | 11.0% (13)        | <b>35.6% (42)</b> | 19.5% (23)        | 23.7% (28)        | 118            |
| Carpool to work  | 0.8% (1)                 | 1.7% (2)          | 5.1% (6)          | 33.9% (40)        | <b>58.5% (69)</b> | 118            |
| Use public transportation                                | 0.8% (1)                 | 3.4% (4)          | 25.4% (30)        | <b>48.3% (57)</b> | 22.0% (26)        | 118            |
| Drive at or below the speed limit                        | 7.7% (9)                 | <b>41.0% (48)</b> | 35.0% (41)        | 12.8% (15)        | 3.4% (4)          | 117            |
| At replacement time, substitute a higher mileage vehicle | <b>31.9% (37)</b>        | 24.1% (28)        | 20.7% (24)        | 7.8% (9)          | 15.5% (18)        | 116            |
| Vacation locally   | 6.9% (8)                 | 21.6% (25)        | <b>52.6% (61)</b> | 11.2% (13)        | 7.8% (9)          | 116            |
| Reduce discretionary flying                              | 22.8% (26)               | 14.9% (17)        | 21.1% (24)        | 4.4% (5)          | <b>36.8% (42)</b> | 114            |
|  | <b>answered question</b> |                   |                   |                   |                   | <b>118</b>     |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  |                   |                   |                   |                   | <b>1</b>       |

| 3. REDUCE ENERGY USE AT HOME                      |                          |                   |                   |                   |                |                |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | I always do              | I usually do      | I sometimes do    | I never do        | Not applicable | Response Count |
| Replace all incandescent light bulbs with CFLs    | 21.7% (25)               | <b>50.4% (58)</b> | 19.1% (22)        | 8.7% (10)         | 0.0% (0)       | 115            |
| Use clothesline or drying rack to dry laundry     | 16.7% (19)               | 14.0% (16)        | <b>37.7% (43)</b> | 29.8% (34)        | 1.8% (2)       | 114            |
| Install low flow shower heads                     | 26.1% (30)               | 13.0% (15)        | 16.5% (19)        | <b>31.3% (36)</b> | 13.0% (15)     | 115            |
| Reduce hot water temperature to 120 degrees       | <b>37.2% (42)</b>        | 20.4% (23)        | 15.0% (17)        | 14.2% (16)        | 13.3% (15)     | 113            |
| Set winter thermostat to 65 or lower              | <b>29.8% (34)</b>        | 24.6% (28)        | 22.8% (26)        | 14.0% (16)        | 8.8% (10)      | 114            |
| Use fans instead of air-conditioning              | <b>40.0% (46)</b>        | 29.6% (34)        | 22.6% (26)        | 4.3% (5)          | 3.5% (4)       | 115            |
| Get a home energy audit                           | 11.7% (13)               | 9.0% (10)         | 13.5% (15)        | <b>46.8% (52)</b> | 18.9% (21)     | 111            |
| Improve insulation and sealing of house           | 23.7% (27)               | 20.2% (23)        | <b>24.6% (28)</b> | 14.0% (16)        | 17.5% (20)     | 114            |
| Insulate hot water heater and all hot water pipes | 12.4% (14)               | 11.5% (13)        | 23.0% (26)        | <b>31.0% (35)</b> | 22.1% (25)     | 113            |
| Install passive solar energy improvements         | 7.0% (8)                 | 1.8% (2)          | 6.1% (7)          | <b>58.8% (67)</b> | 26.3% (30)     | 114            |
| Install photo-voltaic solar for electrical power  | 0.0% (0)                 | 0.9% (1)          | 0.9% (1)          | <b>71.1% (81)</b> | 27.2% (31)     | 114            |
| Buy renewably generated electricity               | 16.1% (18)               | 15.2% (17)        | 10.7% (12)        | <b>42.0% (47)</b> | 16.1% (18)     | 112            |
|   | <b>answered question</b> |                   |                   |                   |                | <b>115</b>     |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  |                   |                   |                   |                | <b>4</b>       |

| 4. CONSERVE WATER                        |                          |              |                |                   |                |                |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | I always do              | I usually do | I sometimes do | I never do        | Not applicable | Response Count |
| Plant a garden that requires no watering | 5.3% (6)                 | 15.8% (18)   | 20.2% (23)     | <b>36.0% (41)</b> | 22.8% (26)     | 114            |
| Collect rainwater for outdoor watering   | 11.5% (13)               | 4.4% (5)     | 17.7% (20)     | <b>46.9% (53)</b> | 19.5% (22)     | 113            |
|  | <i>answered question</i> |              |                |                   |                | <b>115</b>     |
|  | <i>skipped question</i>  |              |                |                   |                | <b>4</b>       |

| 5. REDUCE USE OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES                        |                          |                   |                   |            |                |                |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | I always do              | I usually do      | I sometimes do    | I never do | Not applicable | Response Count |
| Purchase only biodegradable, non-toxic cleaning products | 12.4% (14)               | 38.1% (43)        | <b>38.9% (44)</b> | 8.8% (10)  | 1.8% (2)       | 113            |
| Use minimal amounts of cleaning products                 | 28.3% (32)               | <b>45.1% (51)</b> | 18.6% (21)        | 5.3% (6)   | 2.7% (3)       | 113            |
| Eliminate all herbicides and pesticides                  | <b>38.9% (44)</b>        | 28.3% (32)        | 16.8% (19)        | 8.8% (10)  | 7.1% (8)       | 113            |
| Use water based paints                                   | <b>36.9% (41)</b>        | 31.5% (35)        | 8.1% (9)          | 2.7% (3)   | 20.7% (23)     | 111            |
| Recycle old oil  | <b>45.0% (49)</b>        | 10.1% (11)        | 5.5% (6)          | 11.9% (13) | 27.5% (30)     | 109            |
| Recycle batteries, computers, and electronic products    | <b>43.6% (48)</b>        | 32.7% (36)        | 18.2% (20)        | 2.7% (3)   | 2.7% (3)       | 110            |
|  | <i>answered question</i> |                   |                   |            |                | <b>113</b>     |
|  | <i>skipped question</i>  |                   |                   |            |                | <b>6</b>       |

| 6. FOOD CHOICES  |                          |                   |                   |            |                |                |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | I always do              | I usually do      | I sometimes do    | I never do | Not applicable | Response Count |
| During growing season, purchase produce from local growers | 15.9% (18)               | 37.2% (42)        | <b>44.2% (50)</b> | 0.9% (1)   | 1.8% (2)       | 113            |
| Substitute whole foods for processed foods                 | 23.9% (27)               | <b>45.1% (51)</b> | 30.1% (34)        | 0.0% (0)   | 0.9% (1)       | 113            |
| Use organically grown foods                                | 4.4% (5)                 | 33.6% (38)        | <b>53.1% (60)</b> | 8.8% (10)  | 0.0% (0)       | 113            |
| Avoid foods that have been genetically modified            | 22.7% (25)               | <b>32.7% (36)</b> | 27.3% (30)        | 15.5% (17) | 1.8% (2)       | 110            |
| Reduce consumption of meat and poultry                     | 19.5% (22)               | <b>37.2% (42)</b> | 35.4% (40)        | 8.0% (9)   | 0.0% (0)       | 113            |
|  | <b>answered question</b> |                   |                   |            |                | <b>113</b>     |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  |                   |                   |            |                | <b>6</b>       |

| 7. EARTH JUSTICE  |                          |                   |                   |            |                |                |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | I always do              | I usually do      | I sometimes do    | I never do | Not applicable | Response Count |
| Purchase "fair trade" foods   | 4.5% (5)                 | 30.4% (34)        | <b>58.0% (65)</b> | 5.4% (6)   | 1.8% (2)       | 112            |
| Favor businesses that pay their employees a fair family wage          | 14.7% (16)               | 34.9% (38)        | <b>37.6% (41)</b> | 8.3% (9)   | 4.6% (5)       | 109            |
| Avoid purchasing products produced under "sweatshop" conditions       | 15.7% (17)               | <b>38.9% (42)</b> | 32.4% (35)        | 7.4% (8)   | 5.6% (6)       | 108            |
| Invest in companies with good environmental practices                 | 2.8% (3)                 | <b>29.2% (31)</b> | <b>29.2% (31)</b> | 10.4% (11) | 28.3% (30)     | 106            |
| Donate to environmental organizations                                 | 15.3% (17)               | 24.3% (27)        | <b>46.8% (52)</b> | 12.6% (14) | 0.9% (1)       | 111            |
| Be an active member of an environmental group                         | 16.2% (18)               | 9.9% (11)         | <b>36.9% (41)</b> | 32.4% (36) | 4.5% (5)       | 111            |
| Vote for candidates who advocate environmentally responsible policies | <b>51.8% (58)</b>        | 32.1% (36)        | 11.6% (13)        | 1.8% (2)   | 2.7% (3)       | 112            |
|   | <b>answered question</b> |                   |                   |            |                | <b>112</b>     |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  |                   |                   |            |                | <b>7</b>       |