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
2014