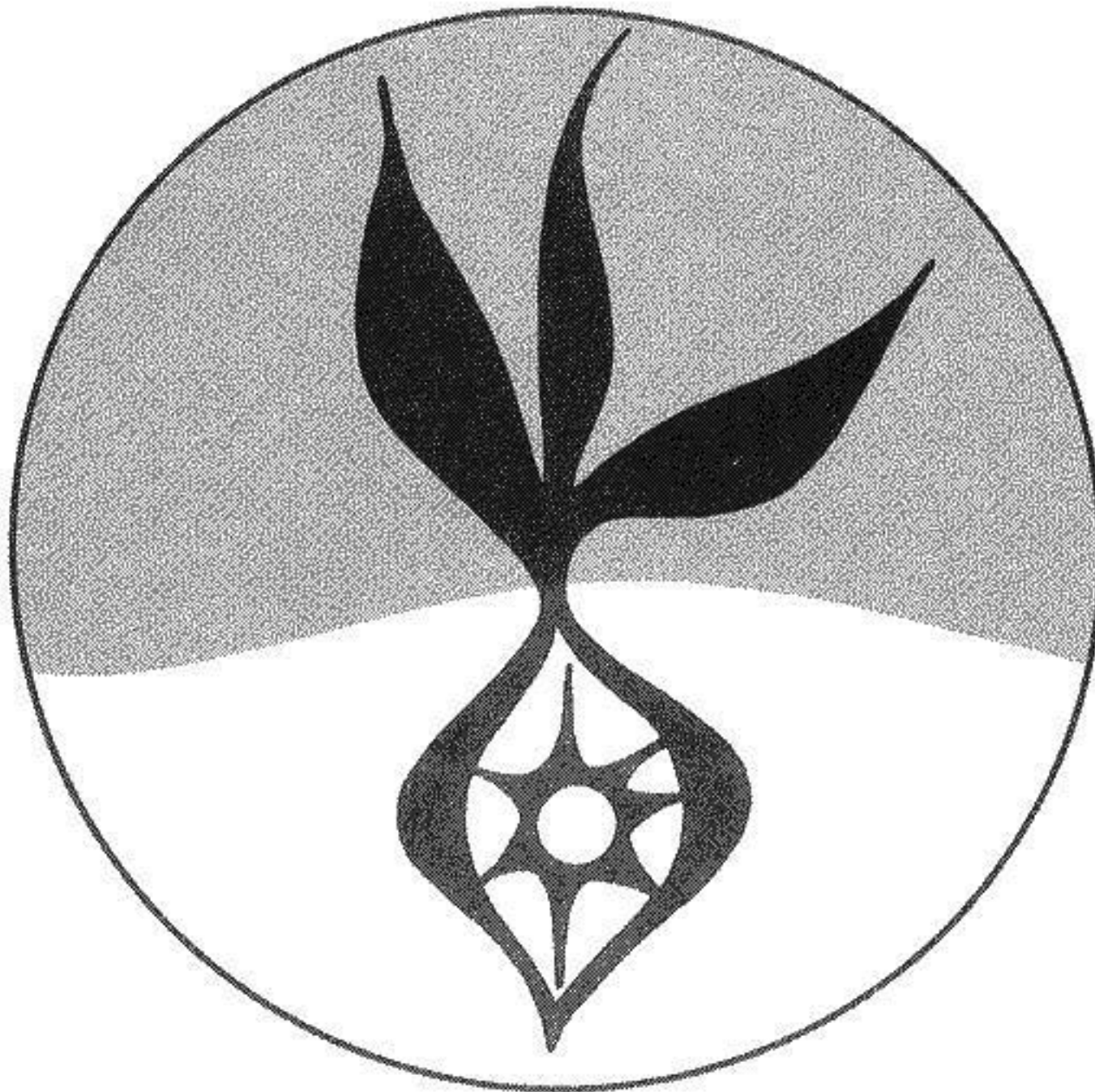


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1986-87



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OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.
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The artist has created for ETF the cover's logo that speaks of a greening power that is humankind gathered to work in a united effort to bring again to truth that "The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity".
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1986 - 1987 ETF Fiscal Year

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In addition to the oral remarks to the Annual Meeting of the Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier, Inc., on June 8, 1987, I would like to present the following parts of testimony given before the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Hearings, June 2, 1987.

I come before you not simply as a local parson. I am authorized by the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Reverend Dr. William Schulz, to speak on behalf of our continental denomination with over one thousand churches and fellowships in the United States and Canada.

We have heard already from Episcopal and Lutheran Bishops, from Monsignor Graeber of the Buffalo Catholic Diocese, from representatives of the Presbyterian faith and will still hear from the Council of Churches, the Niagara Chapter of the Conference of Christians and Jews, the Baptists, United Methodists, and the United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ. The significance of the ecumenical and continent-wide religious perspective about what is happening to our environment is that it underscores the message: You, the citizens of Niagara County (and elsewhere), are not alone. For what is at stake is not a variation on the theme of NIMBY (not in my backyard). We, in Niagara County, are not just fighting for our own physical health, psychological well-being and economic survival, out of narrow self-interest. Ours is a global concern. Like the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls is one of the great wonders of the world. An icon of America, a precious treasure that issues forth out of the beauty and power of creation.

Meanwhile, into the heart and center of this unique community, CECOS International wishes to place 2 billion more pounds of toxic waste, setting up, next to one of nature's most magnificent works of art, a hellish pit of pollution, a lunar landscape of desolation, a monument to human alienation from mother earth. Niagara Falls has suffered enough! We have been both the architects and the victims of Love Canal, and now we say, NO MORE. Past disaster has taught us valuable lessons and we are here not to repeat the tragic mistakes of the past.

In his book, The Plague, author Albert Camus describes how a community, the city of Oran, upon the shores of the Mediterranean, is suddenly visited by a case of bubonic plague. People are incredulous. In our enlightened times, it can't be! The plague belongs to the Dark Ages, when one-third of the population of Europe died of the contagious disease. In Camus' masterful novel, the civic, religious and medical authorities at first attempt to reassure the people, issue soothing statements, yet the rumors and the reality of the plague keep spreading and in the end, the whole community is engulfed and devastated.

Alas, the metaphor of the plague applies to our situation at hand. Corporation lawyers will argue that we have nothing to fear, that site 6 of the CECOS complex is simply another 'secured' landfill and State-Of-The-Art. But as Love Canal made its way into public consciousness, we were assured by experts in government and business that things were under control. Yet the nightmare did not go away. What used to be a thriving community has become a ghost town. The blueprint for site 6 is a prescription for disaster, a blueprint for making more of Niagara Falls into a Love Canal ghost town.

We remember that the Titanic was touted as State-Of-The-Art. She was vaunted unsinkable. SS Stark in the Persian Gulf was also State-Of-The-Art - a marvel of human ingenuity and sophistication.

We dare not indulge in similar illusions with so-called secure landfills. For we are duly forewarned. By whom? By our own government! Their studies tell us that "secure" landfills are a misnomer. Landfills, by definition, are not State-Of-The-Art. Landfills are obsolete. Landfills may be secure for a while, but certainly not for the duration of the toxicity, which is a matter not of years, but of centuries.

Shall we allow the toxic waste to seep into the basements of our homes, into the mists of the Falls, into the sediments of Lake Ontario, into the seagulls and the fish, and into the bodies of generations yet unborn?

The Department of Environmental Conservation, along with CECOS, pleads a Grandfather Clause which purports to disallow a Siting Board to determine whether the CECOS location is geologically and otherwise fit for another landfill. We are less interested in an abstract Grandfather Clause than in the welfare and health of our grandchildren! Let not the curse of toxic pollution and disease fall upon innocent victims of third and fourth generations. CECOS would like to do business as usual, but this is not a time for business as usual. We are faced with a dire emergency that involves the very survival of our community. We call upon the Department of Environmental Conservation, and upon Governor Cuomo, to put an end to this unholy mess. Let us not sacrifice Niagara Falls upon the altar of blindness and ill-conceived schemes.

May it never be said that in the first of week of June 1987, the Department of Environmental Conservation became the instrument that sealed the fate of this community and took the rainbow out of our sky.

It was a privilege to appear at the Hearings today, provided these Hearings are not a charade, an exercise in futility. We who are neither engineers nor lawyers, do we have a voice, or are we disenfranchised? Will we be dismissed as irrelevant because we do not address ourselves to narrow legal and technical issues, but speak from a larger perspective and from the heart? Let us remind ourselves that in the United States Constitution, whose Bicentennial we celebrate this year, it is written, "We the people", not "We the engineers", or "we the bureaucrats", or "we the lawyers".

We trust this process is not simply to go through the motions to satisfy the concept of citizens' participation, but a sincere way to get our input.

There is real concern in Niagara, and other communities across the land, that Hearings are simply for show and decisions are made in advance with little or no regard for what we have to say. That would be a travesty of the democratic process and would be demoralizing for those of us who take the time and make the effort to present our concerns.

One of our Unitarian forebears, Henry David Thoreau, wrote Walden Pond which became an American classic. It expresses a keen appreciation and love of nature, stressing that we should live in harmony with the environment, rather than subdue and abuse it.

Hence, we call upon the Department of Environmental Conservation to be true to its name, to conserve our priceless heritage, and to protect this jewel of nature and this wonderful community of people from the inroads of frightful desecration.

Reverend Rudolf C. Gelsey
President, 1986-1987
Ecumenical Task Force of the
Niagara Frontier, Inc.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ETF: COMMITMENT AND CHALLENGES

Since the founding of the Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier, Inc., in March 1979, the commitment of the interfaith community in response to persons and communities suffering from the effects of hazardous waste has never wavered. This dedication has been marked these past eight years by the stability of the persons who serve on its board and staff, the quality of service and the steady leadership provided to the community, citizens, and grassroots environmental groups.

Evidence of these hallmarks can be found throughout this annual report. Most importantly, they can be found in the everyday witness of ETF's chosen Proverb, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". (Proverbs 29:18). With eyes and hearts wide open, the ETF has been involved in what is most often not popular, but prophetic; not economically lucrative, but ethical; not politic, but pastoral and practical. It is these tasks: the prophetic, ethical, pastoral and practical, that are rooted in our theologies of care for the earth and our advocacy for environmental wholeness, social and economic justice.

One of the ways in which we have done these tasks has been our collaboration with other groups, be it governmental, citizen, educational, scientific or in the private sector. This collaboration has taken the form of convening on the issues which are part-and-parcel of the hazardous waste problem.

Our staff and board have become members of other boards and groups such as Great Lakes United, NYS Superfund Management Board, Environmental Planning Lobby, the Environmental Liaison Committee (NF Chamber of Commerce), Niagara Falls Hazardous Materials Advisory Council, National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Buffalo River RAP, the Campaign to Save Niagara. We have co-sponsored two Environment 2000 Conferences with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Niagara and Erie Counties Environmental Management Councils, and Great Lakes United. We have co-sponsored and presented workshops with the National Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (NVOAD), and served as advisors on publications of the Conservation Foundation and authored numerous articles.

The core of our work has been, and will remain, what we can offer and provide for those persons and communities who reside in neighborhoods and areas impacted by hazardous waste. The conferences, convenings, and collaborative efforts are but a means to awaken and stir into action the tools and instruments which will resolve the problems of hazardous waste.

Other persons and organizations have joined and supported our efforts. We thank each one of them and are grateful for their friendship and advice. I would like to single out one such group of persons who have put their shoulders, heads and hearts to the task before us.

The ETF Financial Advisory and Communications Team (FA/CT), chaired by Leonard Wrona, is comprised of business and community leaders from the Niagara Frontier. As of this report those persons are:

Lynn Clipp Chiappone
Charles J. Chiappone
Cathleen McFarlane
Linus Ormsby
Paul Power
Al Rhoney
Charles Steiner
Quain Weber
Leonard Wrona

The FA/CT has asked us hard questions, made our board and staff look realistically at ourselves and organization and has bolstered us with their wisdom and professional expertise. We trust that you will support the activities which we will undertake in 1987-88, to put the Ecumenical Task Force on more sure financial footing and enable us to better communicate what we are about.

Usually, our Annual Report focuses on the successes of the past year. Our report, in some ways, is about ETF's successes. Most of all, however, it has been compiled to present to you the myriad of tasks which lie ahead. It shows you the additional responsibility and new challenges that are before us. We have no doubt that we can fulfill those responsibilities and meet the challenges with your personal support and financial assistance.

The Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier has become the model for the interfaith community in response to technological emergencies and disaster. We are confident that as we approach a decade of existence, we have proved our mettle and worth. We trust that in the coming year we will provide the resource and foundation upon which the interfaith community can support a national center.

More than ever, we need your assistance to help us carry out the work that is ever-present and to meet the goals that lie ahead. If you can help us by volunteering, with financial assistance, with your encouragement and prayers, our door is always open!

As a quote from Margaret Mead in **EARTHCARE: LESSONS FROM LOVE CANAL - A Resource & Response Guide** 1987 says:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Peace and all good,
Sister Margeen Hoffmann, OSF
Executive Director

ETF EVALUATION/PLANNING RETREAT

Twenty-four hours. In that short span of time, sixteen people, all concerned about the environment, met at the Center of Renewal, Stella Niagara, on February 10 and 11, 1987, and went through a process led by Sister Karen Allen, O.S.F., where we looked at: the positive aspects of ETF in 1986, areas where improvement is needed, the current reality, our visions (both individual and common), and goals for 1987.

Positive Aspects of 1986 are:

- Completion of manual, **EARTHCARE: LESSONS FROM LOVE CANAL - A Resource & Response Guide.**
- We became an Episcopal Charities agency.
- DEC & ETF found common ground.
- Achievement of Environmental Liaison Committee (ELC) by Chamber of Commerce.
- Establishing a Canadian religious community connection.
- Personified connection with the Niagara Council of Churches.

Improvements Needed Include:

- Improvement in communication within community.
- Computer project helpers.
- Financial outreach: expand & systematize; development program.
- New brochure.
- Burn-out (partial).
- Broaden citizen and congregational involvement.

The Current Reality Is:

- Human energy is limited.
- Society is dedicated to production of things at the expense of the community.
- Rootedness of Board and Staff is a hallmark.
- Piece-meal problems without global vision is pervasive.
- "Them & Us" mentality makes it difficult to get the community to want global solution.

Visions, like butterflies, are numerous in size, shape, and color. A brief sampling of individual visions follows:

- A Lake Ontario that is an ecological integrator.
- Interconnectedness to the whole world.
- Financially backed - personal and denominational.
- Steady flow of publications and training sessions throughout North America.
- Living and experiencing environment as blessing.

Common Visions Include:

- All people sharing gifts to recreate.
- Constituency that would make a difference in Niagara Region.
- ETF as a sign of hope, experiencing suffering and goodness as blessing.
- ETF grassroots gathering of those who believe we can have a clean environment and jobs.

Goals for 1987 Involve:

- Establish open, caring, effective communication between and among Board & Board, Board & Staff; a person-to-person support.
- To develop a media sophistication: regular newsletter
procedures and forms for news releases
brochures/annual reports
- To build and strengthen our ties with: other community groups
institutions that are in motion
other denominations
- To establish a financial foundation; development program
- That we develop and commit ourselves to earthcare programs, self-education, grassroots education, on-going consciousness raising.

Individuals made commitments to work in achieving specific objectives for the above goals and received those signed commitments a couple of weeks after the ETF Planning/Evaluation Retreat; a constant reminder of promises made.

Claudia MacDonald
ETF Board Member

EARTHCARE: LESSONS FROM LOVE CANAL - A Resource & Response Guide

February 1987 marks the date that the long-awaited "Manual" was ready to deliver. ETF's cherished dream, that someday, we would have our history in the form of a How To Manual, came true!

Sr. Clairvaux McFarland, O.S.F., from Sr. Margeen's religious congregation, provided magnificent graphics. Sr. Margeen has done a professional job of editing. Barbara Hanna typed endless drafts and proved her usual excellence in the final copy. The words of wisdom collected from Dr. Paul Moore, Rev. William O'Donnell, John Lynch, Joan Malone, O.S.F., and Donna Ogg, to name just a few, were collected and edited. Along with these words that define our purpose and beginnings, how we organized, what papers furthered our purpose, who we made contact with, and how, all formed the basis for **EARTHCARE: LESSONS FROM LOVE CANAL - A Resource & Response Guide** ©1987.

EARTHCARE...now provides us with one continuing method of fundraising. We have numerous copies to sell to those in need of instruction, interested in information, caring about the philosophy and ethics of our organization, or those who have need of information on the sociology and theology of Love Canal.

The Manual also provides us with an identification tag. When people want to know who we are, and why we are, we can show them our Manual.

When people ask how to do what we have done, we can show them as well as tell them.

We have learned a great deal in our nine years of existence, and we wish to share that knowledge, so others will not have to reinvent the wheel. The **EARTHCARE** Manual goes a long way to realizing that ideal.

Therese Mudd
ETF Executive Treasurer
Chairperson, Direct Aid Response
Committee

Copies of EARTHCARE: LESSONS FROM LOVE CANAL - A Resource & Response Guide are available for \$20. Order forms can be obtained from the Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier, 259 Fourth Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14303 (716) 284-0026.

**ETF PUBLIC POLICY RESPONSE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITY
1986-87**

The committee faces the continuing challenge of keeping up with developments at numerous remedial sites: The process of the Habitability Study at Love Canal; the remedial action plans and incinerator permit testing for Hyde Park; the negotiations for actions to be taken at 102nd. Street Landfill; the proposals for remediation of Durez/Pettit Creek flume in North Tonawanda; and the status of plans for S-Area. (All sites, except Durez, are Superfund sites.)

In addition to these ongoing concerns, there were numerous specific incidents and events that required our attention over the past year:

- In September 1986, Fr. John L. Kieffer, S.J., Ph.D., represented our concerns at the Brine Line Hearings for the Niachlor plant.
- On several occasions we signed on with C.O.P.E. (FMC-Middleport, N.Y.) in their requests for testing, fencing and other precautionary measures at the FMC Plant in Middleport.
- We testified at Hearings sponsored by Great Lakes United on the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan.
- We developed policy statements opposing the permitting of Occidental Liquid Waste Incinerator.
- We prepared testimony for Hearings in February on the New York State Solid Waste Management Plan.
- We corresponded with Great Lakes United and other environmental groups calling for a united front on the Durez issue, outlining our policy that: Occidental must accept and acknowledge their responsibility, contamination must be removed from Pettit Creek Flume, and that on-site storage of dioxin-contaminated wastes is currently the best available technology.
- During the Spring of 1987, a great deal of time and energy has been devoted to the opposition to the granting of a permit for CECOS International's (Browning-Ferris Industries) SCRF #6 in Niagara Falls, New York.

What shall we expect to do in the future? It becomes obvious that both incineration and land-filling are compromise solutions to the hazardous waste problem, therefore, we would suggest a policy that encourages and gives incentives for:

- Waste reduction
- Recycling/recovery
- Development of safe destructive technologies.

ETF PUBLIC POLICY RESPONSE COMMITTEE

We have also received information on California's Proposition 65, "Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986", and expect to develop a policy position on this issue.

And the list could go on, but this report highlights the important issues dealt with by the ETF Public Policy Response Committee in the past year.

Reverend Albert R. Laese
Chairman



"SPREADING THE WORD"

ETF Speaking Engagements

1986 - 1987

Professional Secretaries International
Church Women United, Lockport, N.Y.
SUNY at Buffalo, Sociology Department
Community Leaders Development Program
United Methodist Women, St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Great Lakes United Annual Meeting
Salem United Church of Christ, Tonawanda
Eastern PA. District Mennonite Disaster Services
Great Lakes United Citizen Hearings on Great Lakes Water Pollution
Environmental Bond Act
North Park Presbyterian Church, Amherst, N.Y.
Niagara University Business Ethic Class
SUNY at Buffalo Environmental Studies Center
St. James United Methodist Church
All Saints Mission, Amherst, N.Y.
St. Martin In The Field, Grand Island, N.Y.
Unity Day Luncheon, Our Lady Of Lebanon R.C. Church
Ascension Church, Buffalo, N.Y.
Ministerial Association of Wilson, N.Y.
NYS Bar Association
NYS Senate Committee Hearings on Recycling
Salem United Church of Christ, Tonawanda, N.Y.
Riverside Salem United Church of Christ, Grand Island, n.Y.
Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.
United Church of Christ Peace Fellowship, Amherst Community Church
United Auto Workers Region 9 - CAP Council
NYS Assembly Hearings on Lawn Pesticides
Joint Public Hearings On Prevention Of Sudden, Uncontrolled Toxic
Chemical Releases At Commercial And Industrial Sites
Toxics In Your Community Coalition
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Hearings on NYS
Solid Waste Management
St. Lawrence District Unitarian Universalist Association
Canadian Public Health Conference, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Church Women United World Community Day, Church of Nativity, Amherst
Mini-2000 Conferences
Canajoharie, N.Y. Chamber of Commerce
Niagara Falls Lions Club
Governor Cuomo's Vox Populi Sessions
Trinity Episcopal Church, Buffalo
Lewiston Service Club

1986 - 1987 AUDIT REPORT

Prepared By:

**Batt & Carroll
Certified Public Accountants
15 Webster Street
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June 1987

The Board of Directors
Ecumenical Task Force of the
Niagara Frontier, Inc.
Niagara Falls, New York 14303

Dear Members:

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities resulting from cash transactions of Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. as of March 31, 1987, and the related statement of revenues collected and expenses paid and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 2, the Corporation's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. as of March 31, 1987, and the revenues collected and expenses paid and changes in fund balances during the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 2, which basis has been applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

Yours truly,

Batt & Carroll

ECUMENICAL TASK FORCE OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
RESULTING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS
MARCH 31, 1987

Current Fund
Unrestricted

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in Bank - Marine - General-----	\$ 1,731
Cash in Bank - M&T - Savings -----	4,029
Cash in Bank - Marine - Savings-----	8,573
Cash in Bank - Marine - Special-----	7,958
Cash on Hand-----	3
Inventory-----	9,437
Total Current Assets-----	\$31,731

EQUIPMENT:

Office Equipment-----	\$ 7,836
Less: Accumulated Depreciation-----	3,531
Net Equipment-----	\$ 4,305
Total Assets-----	\$36,036

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Employee Withholding and Payroll Taxes Payable---	\$ 885
Professional Services Payable-----	1,633
Total Current Liabilities-----	\$ 2,518

FUND BALANCE-----	\$ 33,518
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance-----	\$ 36,036

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

ECUMENICAL TASK FORCE OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1987

	<u>Current Fund</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE COLLECTED:	
<u>Support</u>	
Local Churches-----	\$ 1,490
Foundations-----	1,500
Local Denominations-----	11,446
Local Organizations-----	725
Individuals-----	3,299
Total Support-----	<u>\$18,460</u>
 <u>Revenue</u>	
EARTHCARE Manual Sales-----	\$ 730
Less: Cost of Goods Sold-----	(182)
Net Revenues from EARTHCARE Manual Sales-----	\$ 584
Mini 2000 Conference-----	247
Interest Income-----	2,646
Total Revenue-----	<u>\$ 3,441</u>
Total Revenue and Support-----	<u><u>\$21,901</u></u>
 EXPENSES PAID:	
<u>Administration</u>	
Insurance-----	\$ 595
Travel-----	3,211
Office Supplies and Expense-----	243
Office Equipment - Repair-----	925
Supplies-----	2,308
Telephone-----	1,174
Public Policy-----	411
Rent-----	2,700
Salaries-----	23,136
Professional Services-----	19,383
Legal and Accounting-----	1,160
Postage-----	1,071
Depreciation-----	1,411
Education-----	271
Board Expenses-----	1,445
Payroll Taxes-----	1,938
Printing-----	216
Direct Aid-----	312
Total Administration-----	<u>\$61,910</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER SUPPORT AND REVENUE-----	(41,009)
FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1, 1986-----	\$73,527
FUND BALANCE, MARCH 31, 1987-----	\$33,518

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statement

ECUMENICAL TASK FORCE OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies followed by the Corporation in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements are as follows:

Revenue and Expense - Revenue and expense are recognized generally on a cash basis, as described in Note 2. A substantial portion of the Corporation's revenue is received from major church denomination grants and certain of these grants are restricted in their use to direct aid for indigent families.

Depreciation - Provision for depreciation is based upon various asset lives using the straight-line method.

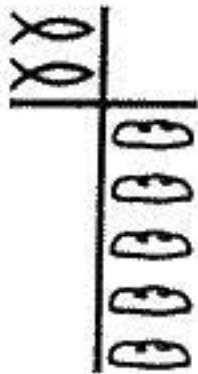
Taxes - The Corporation has obtained tax-exempt status as a private foundation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under this provision, the Corporation is exempt from federal and state income taxes as a not-for-profit corporation.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING:

The Corporation's policy is to prepare its financial statements generally on a cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Financial statements prepared on this basis of accounting are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS:

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.



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ECUMENICAL TASK FORCE OF THE
NIAGARA FRONTIER
259 FOURTH STREET
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DEAR SISTER MARGEEN:

I AM DELIGHTED TO SEND THE ENCLOSED CHECK FOR \$1000 AS A RESULT OF A UNANIMOUS VOTE TAKEN AT LAST FRIDAY'S BOARD MEETING. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, I WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT THE FINE WORK YOU ARE DOING.

WE HOPE THE ENCLOSED CHECK WILL ENABLE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE THE WORK YOU DO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT WE TRULY CARE ABOUT THE WORK YOUR ORGANIZATION IS INVOLVED IN AND ARE PROUD TO BE AFFILIATED WITH THE ECUMENICAL TASK FORCE.

GOD'S BLESSING ON YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO DO HIS WORK.

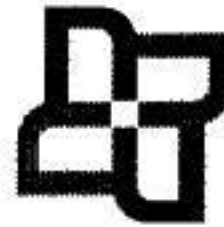
FAITHFULLY,

JOAN JENNINGS SCALFANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ENCLOSURE

Niagara University



Campus Ministry

June 3, 1987

Ecumenical Task Force
Niagara Frontier
259 Fourth Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14303

Dear Friends:

Please accept this modest check from our Sunday collection. We are very proud of the work that you do for our local community and hope this will help, in a small way, continue your important work.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Stephen Macher, C.M." with a long, sweeping underline that extends down towards the typed name below.

(Rev.) F. Stephen Macher, C.M.
Director of Campus Ministry

FSM/ds

Encl.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
600 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202-1073



Henry G. Williams
Commissioner

June 1, 1987

Sister Margeen Hoffman
Ecumenical Task Force
of the Niagara Frontier
259 4th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Dear Sister Margeen:

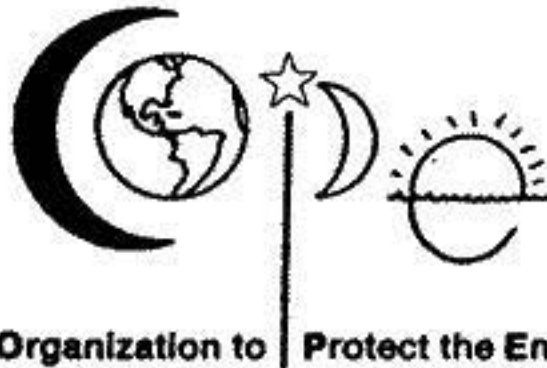
Thank you for allowing me to talk to your group on April 30, 1987. I was very impressed with how well you are organized and the amount of resource documents you have accumulated. In some areas, your collection seems larger than that of the DEC.

If I can be of any further assistance, please call.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Belmore, P.E.
Associate Sanitary Engineer

ERB:jd



Citizen Organization to Protect the Environment

March 17, 1987

Ecumenical Task Force
259 Fourth Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14303

Dear Friends,

I realize this letter is long overdue, but I know you understand as well as anyone, how hectic life can be once a site gets the attention it deserves. I have become so embroiled in "my site" that I often fail to tend to personal matters which I feel are important. This, of course, is what makes this issue so overwhelmingly trying. Because there is so much to be done, and so few people to do it, there is a great deal of pressure to do more than humanly possible. (Accompanied, of course, by the never-ending frustration of being incapable of doing so.) When I reach the breaking point, I recall the words of my friends at ETF: "Your family comes first."... "It will take time, we are pioneers in this issue."... "Everything happens for a reason--even if it doesn't make sense right now, it will in time."

You have no idea how much you have meant to me. You have comforted me when I was depressed and encouraged me by celebrating my accomplishments. It is so easy to have self doubts when constantly being faced with social wrath but you have always been only a phone call away and never too busy to listen.

In some ways, I feel I've known you forever but I vividly remember that our relationship really began two years ago on a wintry January evening when Sister Margeen, Pat and Barb took the one hour drive to make an unexpected appearance at a public meeting in Middleport. You must remember my gratitude-- I called you the three angels! I desperately needed your support.

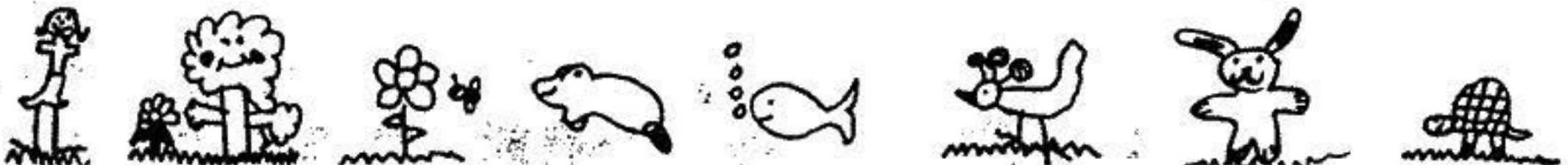
If you'll recall, it was only a week after that, in your office, that I first learned of the toxic waste site next to our schools. You shared two books with me that changed my life: Circle of Poison and Laying Waste. You also loaned me the booklet on Times Beach which enlightened me to the political absurdities and the need for active citizen involvement.

I can still remember the first letter I ever wrote to a legislator; I brought it to your office for your review. I thank God you were there to play editor! Working with you certainly

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helped me to develop my professionalism. You taught me that even I could write a meaningful letter by gathering facts and learning the political jargon.

Not to diminish the importance of your personal friendships, but one of the most important functions ETF has served for me has been the use of your copier. In talking with other grassroots groups, I realized that information sharing was vital. I believe that our environment's biggest problem is the public's lack of knowledge concerning the magnitude of our planet's devastation. Certainly I would have been involved long ago had I realized the need. I hope you will continue to make your machine available to all who need it; very few of us can afford to pay the high costs of copying after paying our monthly phone bills. I know you are sensitive to this because of your generous contribution to my phone bill when I found myself unable to pay it. Again, I thank you for helping me out when I needed it.

As you can see, I now have my own computer. The time you took to acquaint me with your Kaypro certainly helped tremendously when my husband unselfishly spent his well-earned bonus on a PC for me. When I get caught up (famous last words), perhaps I can come to the office and enter some of the data into your computer. I know this has been an overwhelming project for you and I would like to do whatever I can to help you.

I hope you are all well and that you will have a very joyous Easter.

For a safe environment,



Diane Heminway

VOICE OF THE CHILDREN



The Ecumenical Task Force is pleased to dedicate
this years Annual Report to all God's children
of present and future generations.

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