



RNDM Earth Community

“We are One, We are Love”

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“Let ours be a time remembered for awakening a new respect for our earth and all her inhabitants, for one another, for ourselves and for our common destiny.” (RNDM Congregational Chapter, 2008)

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SISTER TALK . . .

Dear Sisters,

In the last issue of this newsletter, we shared a synthesis of the ‘feet’ exercise we did at the September regional gatherings. At those same meetings we were invited to articulate RNDM values we could incorporate into guiding principles for the project. The following principles emerged.

Guiding Principles

1. Layout of property and building will encourage both communal interaction (hospitality & inclusivity) and a contemplative atmosphere
2. Safety & security will be integral to the design
3. Design will respect outreach and privacy
4. Project will be practical and user-friendly eg. Be attentive to age and physical abilities
5. Will keep the RNDM footprint as small as possible ie. sustainable use of resources (water, sun, air)
6. Will be beautiful in its simplicity
7. Will be a place for earth education and partnering in care of the earth

After reflecting on these guidelines, do you have additional insights to add?

Please direct your responses to any questions in this newsletter to GreenSistersTalk@yahoo.ca

DID YOU KNOW?

An ‘Ecological Footprint’ indicates how much of the globe we each require to support our current lifestyle. The Ecological Footprint for an average Canadian is 7.1 global hectares (2008 data). If all the world adopted a typical Canadian lifestyle, 5.68 Earth-like planets would be needed!

To calculate your own Footprint, input details about your habits into the calculator at www.footprintstandards.org. At the top of the homepage for this website, click on “Footprint Basics” and follow the directions under “Personal Footprint” and ‘Take the Quiz’. Choose ‘Canada’.

Ecological Footprints for Other Countries

Australia.....	7.8	Myanmar.....	1.1
Bangladesh.....	0.6	New Zealand.....	7.7
Bolivia.....	2.1	Papua New Guinea...	1.7
China.....	2.1	Peru.....	1.6
France.....	4.9	Philippines.....	0.9
India	0.9	Senegal.....	1.4
Ireland.....	6.3	Thailand.....	2.1
Italy.....	4.8	U.S.A.....	9.4
Kenya.....	1.1	Vietnam.....	1.3

All data from Global Footprint Network, 2008.
The Ecological Footprint Atlas 2008, www.footprintnetwork.org/atlas

TIPS FOR GREEN LIVING

Buy eggs in recyclable fibreboard cartons instead of plastic foam containers. Offer empty cartons to your local food bank for reuse.



Have you discovered something that can help us tread more lightly on the earth?