



SFUU's mission statement

"We covenant to build beloved community that respects diversities as we nourish the spirit, care for the Earth, and inspire faithful acts of peace and justice."

A Green Sanctuary & Welcoming Congregation

Terrance Fenimore-norman, Financial Center Manager

Bank of America

2885 Bell Rd

Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Terrance,

Our church, the Sierra Foothills Unitarian Universalists of Auburn, CA (SFUU), is about to close our accounts with the Bank of America, even though we have been a long-time customer.

We recently became aware of Bank of America's deep connections to the fossil fuel industry through its lending practices and we cannot allow our account funds to be loaned to fuel their destructive actions. This runs completely counter to our faith's values. Part of the mission of our church is to care for the Earth and to affirm the 7th Unitarian Universalist Principle (respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part).

We are of course grateful that Bank of America also lends to the growing renewable energy sector. But that doesn't cancel out the irreversible damage the fossil fuel industry causes. We are in an emergency, and as such, we need to change the ways we act, not continue down the same path.

We also are aware that your bank has joined the Net-Zero Banking Alliance, but that net-zero aspiration is not until 2050! 2050 is far too late; we need strong action today! It is our hope that the management of your bank will reassess their support of the fossil fuel industry.

Yours with hope for a better future,

Mission Earth Team, Sierra Foothills Unitarian Universalists:

Barbara Munn

Thomas Piette

Carol Koons

Janet Russell

and, other members of the SFUU congregation:

Cc: Brian Moynihan, Bank of America CEO