

Stanley Church and the People's Climate March

It is rare to have the privilege of making a public statement as Christians and concerned citizens about a matter of crucial importance to our whole world. Thirteen Stanley youth and adults did just that on September 21st. We boarded a train, journeyed to Columbus Circle in New York City, and joined with some 400,000 others in a marvelous show of unity to say to the President, the U.N., and to any others who would listen that time is running out and if we don't act boldly, we could permanently ruin our earth with our abuse and indulgence and make living a struggle for future generations.



It was a tiring but satisfying day for the Stanley Marchers, as we patiently waited to join the March, then headed South through throngs of excited spectators, supported by cheers and banners from the towering

NYC buildings. The peaceful atmosphere was gala, but serious all the same. In our section alone the Buddhists, atheists, pagans, Hindus, B'Hai, Jewish, Islamic and other religious groups expressed their concern for the earth in music, dance, creative presentations, and eye-catching art work. The major denominations were well represented, including UCC congregations from our area and some from across the country. Stanley Folks marched under the banner of GreenFaith, with whom we have been affiliated as partners in climate concern for several years. While waiting for the March to begin, we took part in a common



worship service and joined our prayers with those of many religious persuasions in a unity and joy that were indescribable. Most of us were weary as we headed back home, but our hearts were light and satisfied in the knowledge that we had participated with one voice in an important, and hopefully influential event designed to bring needed change to the way we live on our planet.

Those from Stanley Church who took part in the March were: Nancy and Bill Presnell Sharon Dougherty, Laura McCormick, Joanna Chenoweth, Rob and Pam Morse, Sue Williams, Cara Bradshaw, Talley, Elizabeth, Rose, and Vivian Summerlin. Those who marched are appreciative of the prayers and support we received from the congregation for our efforts.

Bill Presnell,
Stanley Goes Green Committee

