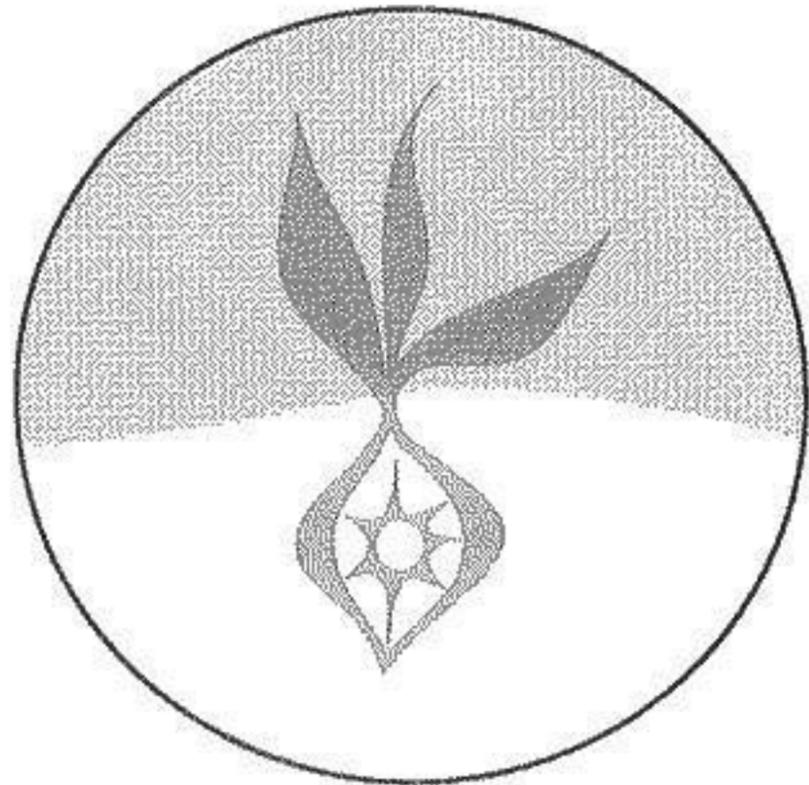


EARTHCARE

1979  1988

Where there is no vision,
the people perish
Proverbs 29:18



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DEDICATION

The Ecumenical Task Force is pleased to dedicate this Annual Report in memory of **MARION SMITH** and her share in earthkeeping.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Cataract Printing, Niagara Falls, for their timely and excellent work and caring response to all our deadlines.
- Volunteer office assistance of **MARIAN MAGIN** whose reliability and willingness to tackle any task is most appreciated. Thank you, Marian, for the assembly of this report.

ECUMENICAL TASK FORCE OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1987 - 1988 ETF FISCAL YEAR

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1920 - 18th. St. at Cleveland
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Rev. Laese is Pastor of St. Paul Calvary Lutheran Church. He is a representative to the ETF Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America.

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Rev. McClester is the Associate Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of Western New York. He is a representative of Presbyterian Church (USA) on the ETF Board.

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Treasurer

Mrs. Therese Mudd
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Mrs. Mudd is an At-Large member of the ETF Board. She is a member of the New York State Superfund Management Board.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ETF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Rev. Kofahl is Pastor of St. James United Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y. He represents the Western New York Conference United Methodist Church on the ETF Board. Rev. Kofahl is also a member of the United Methodist WNY Conference Environmental Stewardship Committee.

Rev. Donald L. Lawrence
424 Burt Circle
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Rev. Lawrence is Pastor of First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y. He serves as representative of the American Baptist Churches of the Niagara Frontier on the ETF Board.

Claudia MacDonald
5132 Lewiston Rd.
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Ms. MacDonald serves as Executive Director of the Niagara Council of Churches and the Niagara Chapter, National Conference of Christians and Jews. She serves as representative of the Niagara Council of Churches on the ETF Board.

Rev. Guy Peek
150 William Street
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Fr. Power is an At-Large Member of the ETF Board.

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Rev. Timmermann is Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and is a representative of the Eastern District Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod on the ETF Board.

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STAFF

Sister Margeen Hoffmann, OSF
Executive Director
Kinship Place Community
4421 Lower River Road
Stella Niagara, N.Y. 14144

Sister Margeen is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, Assisi Heights, Rochester, Minnesota. She holds a Masters Degree in Social Planning/Community Organization from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.

Barbara G. Hanna
Executive Assistant
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Barbara is a member of St. James United Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and serves as Chairman of its Council On Ministries. She has been a member of the staff since the beginning of ETF in 1979. Barbara also serves as Chairman of the United Methodist WNY Conference Environmental Stewardship Committee. She serves as ETF staff liaison to the Niagara Council of Churches.

Patricia A. Brown
Resource Center Manager
8421 Munson Avenue
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Pat is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She is a former resident of Love Canal and was a Volunteer Advocate from the beginning of the task force and became a member of the staff in 1981.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Albert R. Laese
ETF President

Is there a "New Era" dawning? With the united opposition to the CECOS expansion, increased interest in source reduction of both household and industrial wastes, and the City of Buffalo pilot study on recycling, it is possible to hope that environmental lessons are slowly being learned! As we continue to struggle to develop solutions for the mistakes of the past, we long for a "New Era" of care and concern for the environment which will minimize the future risk to the environment.

As we look at the nature of our (ETF's) work and the requests others make of us, we do, in fact, see a change, and even the possibility of a "New Era": There is more interest in education; there is growing public interest in waste disposal issues; yet inspite of these signs of encouragement, we still daily confront the legacy of the past, emotional scars, physical disabilities, economic hardships, etc.

You might appropriately conclude that the work of ETF is an ever-changing amalgum of past, present, and future concerns! The possibilities for improvement in the future give encouragement to continue. Innovative waste reduction programs and recycling becoming a reality in more and more communities are but two of the encouraging signs we see.

The future "New Era" will require a great deal of cooperation; environmental/citizen groups, industry, regulatory agencies, and governmental officials will all be drawn together to make the necessary progress! We remember our often quoted Proverbs 29:18 "When there is no vision, the people perish!", and look to a future whose "Vision" we have and will continue to help shape!

THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES

Sister Margeen Hoffmann, OSF
ETF Executive Director

The Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier is an organization that was conceived by persons with an idea. The idea was to address the destructive impact of a local environmental crisis (Love Canal) to a healing of earth and persons. Out of that mission came the advocacy and prophetic stances for environmental stewardship that have shaped the work of the ETF these past nine years.

We have learned in these nine years that advocacy and vision cannot be onetime responses. We have learned that to sustain and nurture a course for environmental stewardship places us at a crossroads. We live in a time when, as the Italian philosopher Antonio Gramsci once put it, "The old world is dying, but the new refuses to be born." There are many conflicting and confusing ideas as to what environmental stewardship requires of us as individuals, as a community, and as a society.

In a group of essays entitled, Altars of Unhewn Stone*, Wes Jackson says that Moses was commanded by Jehovah, to build an "altar of unhewn stone," which is to say unshaped and undecorated by the hand of man. Warned the Creator, "If you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it." Jackson takes this to mean that man cannot "improve upon the timeless purpose or original material," but he goes on to point out, "I don't think such a scripture means that we are to never shape the earth with our art or our science; I think the scripture implies that the scientist and the artist must remain subordinate to the larger creation. The chances of disrupting nature's patterns, upon which we are dependent, are greatly reduced if we assume this modest posture."

It is in this spirit and a continuing effort to work and to dialogue with other sectors of the community, that ETF has taken as its umbrella theme, EARTHCARE. In working with nature and people, ETF believes that our waters can be made pure, our land restored, and our economic and social fabric whole again. Is it too much to hope for a replenishment of our ecosystem or a regeneration of our earth or caring responses to people? It takes courage, but I read recently, "hope is courage that has said its prayers."

As an organization, ETF finds its bedrock in the various religious traditions that comprise its membership. A common element in each are the biblical and philosophical teachings that require that our activities consider not only the welfare of human beings, but also the rest of creation, including creatures of the sea and earth, and the land itself.

*Altars of Unhewn Stone, by Wes Jackson (North Point Press, 1987).

The injunction to be good stewards of the earth is mocked by acid rain, and the reckless production and careless disposal of an endless variety of toxic chemicals and solid waste, the effluents and affluence of our society.

In the last nine years we have given many expressions of moral outrage over such policies and practices. But in the long run moral outrage and even compassion, are not enough. In the long run, we need a workable picture of how our community and our country could function more justly toward the environment and economic needs.

We at ETF, along with the other sectors of our community, need to put forth that vision in a language that expresses both the concrete interests and deeply held values of ordinary citizens. We don't have a ready-made blueprint for the conduct of environmental stewardship. But in addition to the fundamental biblical principles of justice, sustainability, and equity for all of Creation, our religious and philosophical traditions do hold some rich resources.

One of the most important is the notion of community, which boils down to the simple notion that people and the ecosystem are interdependent and need each other. This experience of community is not just an abstract religious teaching or ethical thought. It is deeply embedded in human hearts and in all of Creation. We need to foster a sense of shared identity and communal responsibility.

The many activities, public hearings, committees, conferences, workshops, gala, and statements participated in or sponsored by ETF have helped point the way toward the long-term creation of an environmental stewardship that brings people together to meet the needs of all in the workplaces and neighborhoods, and at the local, regional and national levels.

In the long haul, "The people perish when there is no vision" (Proverbs 29:18). We all know this, but we need to take it ever more seriously in the days ahead in environmental terms.

The religious community can play an important part in the task for a new sense of what is possible for educating the community and itself about environmental stewardship. We must project forward through the new century; we must urge the political will to restore, sustain, and protect our environment; we must form new, cooperative, ecologically and economically sound experiments and technologies that suggest what might be possible for the future; we must confront our institutions and homes in their use and disposal of solid waste; we must apply the insight of theological reflection in language that can be understood so individuals are empowered to create and affirm cooperation, respect for the environment, participation and community.

Important elements in extending ETF's mission of timely, determined advocacy, credible public policy, and effective education is to meet a challenge to build our effort to expand as an organization wherein others in the community can join our board and committees; to network with other community sectors, and to build our financial base. We are challenged in our decade year ahead to build a broader public constituency for environmental issues and cordially invite you to join us!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Therese M. Mudd
ETF Treasurer

My tenure as Treasurer of ETF has brought many challenges.

In September 1987, the ETF announced a financial crisis. Thanks to the outpouring of monetary support from some denominations and many individuals, we have been able to continue. Equally as important as the donations we received was the vote of confidence shown by those who gave us interest free loans.

Included in this Annual Report is a copy of our 1987 audit. Please note that this audit is for the period April 1, 1987 through December 31, 1987. In order to coincide with most granting agencies, the ETF has changed its fiscal year to January 1 through December 31.

Since the audit was taken, ETF has paid all of its outstanding liabilities. We have also contracted with Robert J. Miller & Associates to seek additional sources of funding and to prepare proposals. It is our hope that through this effort, continued denominational support, and local contributions, that ETF can be sustained and grow to meet the many environmental challenges ahead.

1987 AUDIT REPORT

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May 31, 1988

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 December 31, 1987, and the related statement of revenues collected and expenses paid and changes in fund balances for the nine months 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 December 31, 1987, and the revenues collected and expenses paid and changes in fund balances during the nine months 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
 DECEMBER 31, 1987

	<u>Current Fund</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash in Bank - Marine - General-----	\$ 3,291
Cash in Bank - M&T - Savings-----	3,161
Cash in Bank - Marine - Savings-----	11,411
Cash in Bank - Marine - Special-----	3,009
Cash on Hand-----	4
Inventory-----	9,327
Total Current Assets-----	<u>30,203</u>
EQUIPMENT:	
Office Equipment-----	9,406
Less: Accumulated Depreciation-----	5,212
Net Equipment-----	<u>4,194</u>
Total Assets-----	<u>\$ 34,397</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Notes Payable-----	\$ 9,136
Employee Withholding and Payroll Taxes Payable---	800
Professional Services Payable-----	7,817
Total Current Liabilities-----	<u>17,753</u>
FUND BALANCE-----	16,644
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance-----	<u>\$ 34,397</u>

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 NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1987

	<u>Current Fund</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE COLLECTED:	
<u>Support</u>	
National Church Agencies-----	\$ 10,000
Local Churches-----	125
Local Denominations-----	11,777
Local Organizations-----	3,452
Individuals-----	7,119
Total Support-----	<u>32,473</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
Earthcare Manual Sales-----	460
Less: Cost of Goods Sold-----	(110)
Net Revenue From Earthcare Manual Sales-----	350
Mini 2000 Conference-----	22
Interest Income-----	675
Total Revenue-----	<u>1,047</u>
Total Revenue and Support-----	<u>33,520</u>
EXPENSES PAID:	
<u>Administration</u>	
Insurance-----	460
Travel-----	1,300
Office Supplies and Expense-----	535
Conferences-----	384
Supplies-----	1,830
Telephone-----	1,381
Public Policy-----	570
Rent-----	3,650
Salaries-----	16,920
Professional Services-----	15,150
Legal and Accounting-----	1,045
Postage-----	1,130
Depreciation-----	1,681
Education-----	451
Board Expenses-----	586
Payroll Taxes-----	1,443
Printing-----	1,027
Direct Aid-----	721
Membership Fees-----	130
Total Administration-----	<u>50,394</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER SUPPORT AND REVENUE-----	(16,874)
FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1, 1987-----	<u>33,518</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1987-----	<u>\$ 16,644</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

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.

REPORT OF THE ETF PUBLIC POLICY RESPONSE COMMITTEE

Roger A. Cook, Chairman

Hazardous Waste Incineration

In August 1987, the EPA conducted hearings on alternative technologies for destroying hazardous wastes at Love Canal. ETF Board Members and a member of the ETF Scientific Advisory Board participated in those discussions.

Also in August 1987, the EPA presented a proposal to use a portable incinerator to destroy hazardous wastes at Love Canal. The ETF Board supported the EPA proposal and representatives spoke at a public meeting conducted by the EPA and NYS DEC. A member of the ETF Scientific Advisory Board presented expert testimony at that meeting.

The ETF, on June 22, 1988, presented testimony at the NYS DEC hearings on the re-permitting of Occidental's on-site hazardous waste incinerator. The ETF commented that more adequate stack monitoring data needs to be made available to the public and that Occidental must demonstrate what measures it has taken to reduce waste in its production processes.

Recycling

The NYS DEC officially states that reduction and recycling of solid waste ("garbage") is its priority method of addressing the solid waste problem. Yet, in practice, the DEC is in the process of promoting and licensing solid waste incineration while directing few resources to recycling and reduction alternatives. Members of the ETF Scientific Advisory Board have reviewed Occidental's solid waste emissions data noting that dioxin emissions are in excess of acceptable health standards. The ETF is a member of the WNY Recycling Coalition and recently co-sponsored a conference which discussed the viability of the recycling alternative.

Medical Monitoring

Currently, the NYS Department of Health has insufficient authority to monitor health at known toxic wastes sites. The ETF has long advocated for such monitoring. This legislative session a medical monitoring bill has been introduced which would authorize such monitoring. The ETF has advocated for passage of this legislation.

Safe Drinking Water Act

The ETF has endorsed the proposed NYS Safe Drinking Water Act which would prohibit the discharge of any quantity of a carcinogenic substance into any water used for drinking water purposes. Letters of support have been sent to key legislators. A similar bill was enacted by referendum in California in 1987.

Pesticides

A member of the ETF Public Policy Response Committee testified at DEC hearings in support of regulations that would require posting of lawns or farm properties where pesticides are being used.

The ETF Public Policy Response Committee has also written to its NYS legislators in support of Senate Bill 1419, the Ground Water Safety Act of 1987 sponsored by Senator Durenberger (R., MN) and Patrick Leahy (D., VT.). The Act regulates pesticides using a health-based standard similar to the Safe Drinking Water Act and requires preventative action before contamination reaches dangerous levels.

CECOS Expansion

The ETF Public Policy Response Committee has continued to participate in the Campaign To Save Niagara coalition. The coalition is made up of ten citizen groups. The ETF and the Campaign oppose expansion of the CECOS hazardous waste site which has been proposed by its parent company, Browning Ferris Industries.

The Campaign advocated for passage of a Hazardous Waste Siting Bill. That bill requires landfill expansions be certified by State Siting Boards. Under the bill, commercial hazardous waste firms would face a siting board, composed of residents and government officials, which chooses the location of such facilities.

Governor Cuomo made attorneys available to the ETF and the Campaign to present our case before the DEC Administrative Law Judge. The judge determines who can participate in further hearings and if there are issues to be discussed. If there are issues, an adjudicatory hearing, conducted under oath, is held. This hearing is scheduled for the first week of August 1988.

Earth Care Gala

an evening of Art and Environment
Saturday, April 16, 1988
Seven Thirty PM

Buscaglia-Castellani Art Gallery

Deveaux Campus, Niagara University
to benefit the

Ecumenical Task Force ^{for the} Environment

Silent Art Auction

Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres

Dancing - Music by **Brimstone XI**

Donation \$10.⁰⁰ per person

for tickets please call - (716) 284-0026

REFLECTING ON EARTHCARE GALE 1988: AN EVENING OF ART & ENVIRONMENT

by Lynn C. Chiappone

The idea for an Earthcare Gala germinated at a meeting of the ETF Financial Advisory/Communications Team meeting in late summer of 1987, as we discussed ways to raise money, heighten local awareness of ETF's existence, and foster greater community interest and involvement in environmental affairs.

Quain Weber and I volunteered to co-chair "some kind of fundraiser." The next thing we knew we were having lunch with Cathleen McFarland, a fellow FA/CT committee member who, unfortunately, was going to be away for the next six months, but who filled us with enthusiasm and assurances that "there was nothing to it, really." Her most helpful contribution was the pump-priming she did before leaving town. She not only gave us names and phone numbers of people who might be willing to help (many of whom formed the nuclei of our committees), but lent her considerable charm, presence and good, practical suggestions to our first few meetings. And we were off and running.

And run we did, for the next eight months! Inspired by Goethe's "Man can form no surer bond with the world than through art," we decided a theme showing the connectedness of all things through art would provide many different ways to attract the diverse audience we hoped for, and assure them an interesting and lively evening.

Along with raising money for ETF's community work, our goal was to raise public awareness that the area's past, its present, and its future belong to everyone--private citizens, local government, the business and professional community; that we are all mutually dependent on each other. We hoped to encourage a common appreciation not only for the Niagara Frontier's aesthetic riches, but its economic future as well, that these interests are bound together and could flourish in a cooperative atmosphere.

We began contacting local businesses and industry. Niagara Stone Corp. sponsored a luncheon for business and industry representatives where we explained what we were trying to do, and why we felt it was important to generate a cooperative community spirit to face our complicated ecological and economic issues. We asked if they would help in underwriting the cost of the evening, and if they would be interested in putting together an industrial/environmental display. Their financial contributions and their inclusion in this effort to build community was appreciated by many local citizens who seem ill at ease with the notion that their meal ticket can also be their environmental enemy. Many, many comments heard that night, and in the days following the Gala, reflected the same sentiment: "Gee, we never expected to see a mix like that mingling in such a friendly and congenial way."

The evening included a cash bar, a finger foods buffet, and live music by the Brimstone XI for dancing or just listening. Mr. John Pfahl, an internationally known environmental photographer and lecturer, presented a slide show depicting his views on how we define our relationship to the environment in his energy and ecology exhibit, "Power Places." His magnificent color photographs were also exhibited in the gallery. Also shown in the gallery's auditorium before and after Mr. Pfahl's lecture was the award-winning documentary, "Niagara: The Changing Faces of a New World symbol."

One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation of works donated by 35 local and regional artists: paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, fiber art, and jewelry. We were so touched and pleased by these artists' generosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to be a part of this effort. Their pieces demonstrated the many ways we view the world around us and the various ways we shape that vision. These works were offered for sale by silent auction, and produced a constant stream of viewers throughout the evening in the outer gallery where they were displayed. They also provided a little suspense and excitement because many people had bid on the same pieces.

Another of our efforts to involve the local community culminated in the completion of two beautiful handmade quilts. The idea was to solicit handcrafted squares, reflecting an environmental theme, from as many church congregations as possible, which we would then have made into quilts for the evening's auction. Although participation in this project was not as extensive as we had hoped, the two quilts that were assembled* were symbolic of how various segments in the community, each doing only one small thing, can contribute to a beautiful whole. The time and generosity donated by the quilters and by the many hands that made up the individual squares resulted in two pieces of work that hung like banners in the outer gallery, proclaiming our connectedness - not to mention the fact that they brought around \$600. to the auction.

The Niagara University Buscaglia-Castellani Gallery was an inspired choice for the gala, not only for the beautiful, interesting, and welcoming setting it provided, but for the wise counsel and practical help the director, Sandra Olsen, Kim Yarwood, the manager, and the very competent staff gave us. They had invaluable ideas and suggestions, they worked very hard to get all the art work hung just right, and attended to a thousand and one details that made the evening "work."

Linus Ormsby at Niagara University's Public Relations office saw to it that our invitations, beautifully designed by Sr. Jeanne File, OSF, turned out beautifully, free of charge. Our Gala Committee members were invaluable. They devoted a lot of time and effort in so many ways, not the least of which was by selling tickets, rounding up friends and neighbors to attend. They held coffees, and several also provided

*One by the First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston Quilting Group with squares from all over New York, Virginia, and South Carolina; the other with squares contributed by member churches of the Niagara Area United Methodist Church Cluster and assembled by Kristen Rogers of Niagara Falls.

opportunities for me to speak to various groups about the Gala and ETF's mission. Overall, the energy, time, and talent expended by the community in backing the Gala really made it come together, and advanced our premise that in community we can get things done. Practically speaking, the evening was a rousing success. Not only did over 365 people attend, but we cleared \$6,897.31.

There is a lot of interest and enthusiasm out there, stirred up by the Gala, which needs to be translated into some kind of vehicle for those willing and eager to contribute time and effort toward a better environment. Those of us who worked hard to make the Gala a success hope that ETF will find a way to make this possible.

The earth is like an heirloom quilt.

*The design is absolutely original
beautiful, lasting, unsurpassed.*

*May your joy be to use it wisely,
caring and sharing,
preparing to hand it on to
future generations
appreciated and unspoiled.*

(a reflection of Psalm 24:1)

ACTIVE LISTENING

SITE TOURS

**COMMUNITY
ORGANIZING**

ADVOCACY

EDUCATION

ETF EARTHCARE

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1, 1987 - MAY 31, 1988

**SCIENTIFIC
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE**

**ANNUAL
EVALUATION
& PLANNING**

**NATIONAL
WASTE WATCH
RESPONSE**

1987/88 CHRONOLOGY OF ETF ACTIVITIES

- January 15, 1987 NYS Assistant Attorney General, Val Washington, met with ETF Board and Staff re remedial options at Durez site in North Tonawanda.
- January 16, 1987 ETF Executive Assistant, Barbara Hanna, and Resource Center Manager, Patricia Brown, gave presentation to Church Women United at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- January 19, 1987 ETF Executive Assistant, Barbara Hanna, gave presentation at Unity Day Luncheon, Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- January 21, 1987 ETF Board and Staff met with Kenneth Stoller, at US Environmental Protection Agency office in Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- ETF Board and Staff attended meeting of Love Canal Technical Review Committee.
- January 22, 1987 ETF Executive Assistant, Barbara Hanna, attends National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD) conference planning meeting at Red Cross offices, Buffalo, N.Y.
- February 2, 1987 ETF Board and Staff met with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Lee Thomas.
- February 3, 1987 ETF Board and Staff attend International Symposium on Toxics In The Niagara: A Shared Challenge, sponsored by Environment Canada, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, at the Sheraton Center, Toronto, Ont., Canada.
- February 10-11, 1987 ETF Evaluation & Planning Retreat held at Center of Renewal, Stella Niagara, N.Y.

February 13, 1987	ETF Staff met with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9 Director, John Spagnoli, to plan Mini-Environment 2000 Conference.
February 15, 1987	Sister Margeen guest preacher at St. James United Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
February 19, 1987	ETF Staff attends Episcopal Charities dinner.
February 24, 1987	ETF Board and Staff met with representatives of NYS Department of Health re ETF perceptions of community reactions to transportation of dioxin contaminated wastes from Binghamton Office Building to CECOS or SCA for burial.
March 5, 1987	ETF Board Director Joann Hale, Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown attend EPA Conference Telecast on Superfund at Memorial Medical Center.
March 10, 1987	Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown gave presentation to Niagara Falls Lions Club.
	DEC Commissioner Henry Williams met with area environmental leaders at ETF office.
March 15, 1987	Sister Margeen guest preacher at All Saints Mission Episcopal Church, Amherst, N. Y.
March 20, 1987	ETF Board and Staff toured CECOS site in Niagara Falls, N.Y.
March 22, 1987	Sister Margeen guest preacher at St. Martin In The Field Episcopal Church, Grand Island, N.Y.
March 23, 1987	Sister Margeen presented at Environmental Studies class, University of Buffalo.
March 24-25, 1987	ETF Staff attended two day Peer Review of Love Canal work session at Red Jacket Inn, Niagara Falls.

April 1, 1987 Sister Margeen gave presentation at Friedens United Church of Christ, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

April 2, 1987 Sister Margeen gave presentation to Lewiston Service Club, Lewiston, N.Y.

April 3, 1987 ETF Board Director Joann Hale and Patricia Brown spoke at CAP Council encouraging union support against CECOS expansion.

April 5, 1987 Sister Margeen guest preacher at Trinity Episcopal Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

April 22, 1987 Sister Margeen gave ETF statement at press conference in 66th. Street School re CECOS expansion.

April 23, 1987 ETF Board and Staff, as leaders in the Campaign To Save Niagara, met with citizens to greet Governor Mario Cuomo at Niagara Falls Airport. At Sister Margeen's request, Governor Cuomo promised assistance of his attorney, Fabian Palomino, in preventing expansion of CECOS SCRF No. 6, an above-ground 20-acre hazardous waste landfill.

April 28, 1987 ETF Board and Staff coordinate and participate in Mini-Environment 2000 Conference, Orchard Park Firehall, Orchard Park, N.Y.

May 1, 1987 ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, and Sister Margeen and Patricia Brown give tour of Love Canal, S-Area, Hyde Park, and other sites along bus route, to participants of Great Lakes United Annual Meeting held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

May 2, 1987

ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, and Patricia Brown give tour of Love Canal to St. Lawrence Unitarians.

Sister Margeen gave presentation at Great Lakes United Annual Meeting.

ETF Board Directors, Rev. Al Laese and Sister Jane Frances Gregoire, attend Great Lakes United Annual Meeting and awards dinner. Patricia Brown and Joann Hale assisted with registration.

May 3, 1988

ETF Board Director Joann Hale and Patricia Brown represented ETF at Episcopal Charities dinner.

May 4-8, 1987

Sister Margeen attends, as a Director, The National Catholic Rural Life Conference Board Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota.

May 11-13, 1987

ETF Executive Assistant, Barbara Hanna, enrolls in Grantsmanship Center Fundraising Seminar, Buffalo, N.Y. A certificate of course completion is awarded to Barbara Hanna.

May 15, 1987

ETF Resource Center Manager, Patricia Brown, gives Love Canal tour to participants of Leadership Niagara.

May 16, 1987

ETF Board Director Joann Hale conducts sites tour for American Baptist Leadership Group.

May 27-29, 1987

ETF Board and Staff participate as co-convenors in NVOAD Conference, Daemen College, Buffalo, N.Y. Sister Margeen presented workshop entitled, "Full Spectrum of Disaster Response".

May 29-31, 1987	ETF Board Directors Joann Hale and Roger Cook attend Toxic Waste Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
May 30, 1987	ETF Board and Staff join in CECOS Rally. Rev. Laese delivers a eulogy for CECOS at the mock funeral.
June 2-3, 1987	ETF Board and Staff attend public hearings and submit testimony re CECOS SCRF No. 6 expansion at the Niagara Falls Convention & Civic Center, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Testimony was presented by the following ETF denominational membership: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, The American Lutheran Church, Peace & Justice Commission (Diocese of Buffalo), United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, Presbytery of Western New York, American Baptist Church.
	ETF granted party status in hearings on CECOS expansion.
June 8, 1987	ETF 8th. Annual Meeting, Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Mr. Wm. Gibson, editor of <u>The Egg</u> , Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., guest speaker.
June 12, 1987	ETF Board and Staff and Technical Advisors tour SCA site.
June 16, 1987	WEBR Radio, Suzanne Lysak, interviewed Sister Margeen at ETF office.
June 23, 1988	Patricia Brown conducted site tour for 3 adults and 11 teenagers from Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, Ohio.
June 25-27, 1987	ETF Board Directors, Mrs Joann Hale and Roger Cook, and ETF Resource Center Manager, Patricia Brown, attended United Church of Christ convention, Cleveland, Ohio.
July 1, 1987	ETF receives a call from Olean, N.Y. requesting assistance for a groundwater contamination problem.

July 2, 1987 Patricia Brown gave tour of Love Canal to Garrelts family of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Toyko, Japan TV filmed an interview with Sister Margeen at ETF office.

August 12, 1987 ETF Board and Staff and ETF Scientific Advisor, Richard Cook, Ph.D., attend EPA Feasibility Study workshop at Niagara Falls Convention & Civic Center.

August 14, 1987 Sister Margeen gave interview to University of Buffalo Law School student.

August 20-21, 1987 ETF Staff attends and helps with registration of Franciscan Federation Conference, Hilton Hotel, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Sister Margeen coordinator of the conference.

August 22, 1987 ETF Board Director, Sister Joan Malone, receives 1987 Peacemaker Award at Franciscan Federation conference.

ETF Resource Center Manager, Patricia Brown, and ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, conduct Love Canal tour for participants of Franciscan Federation conference.

August 23-25, 1987 Sister Margeen attends conference in Syracuse, N.Y.

August 25, 1987 Sister Margeen addressed Winston Porter, EPA Assistant Administrator, at Love Canal meeting at Frontier Fire Hall. Richard Cook, Ph.D., ETF Scientific Advisor, presented ETF statement on alternative technologies for sewer and creek clean up.

August 29, 1987 ETF receives notification that the law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, New York City, will represent ETF and other citizen groups, pro bono, during CECOS expansion hearings.

September 17, 1988 Sister Margeen spoke at Buffalo Sewer Conference at Buffalo Hilton.

September 18-20, 1987	ETF Board Directors, Roger Cook, Sister Jane Frances Gregoire, Joann Hale, and ETF Resource Center Manager, Patricia Brown, attend Environmental Planning Lobby Annual Meeting and Conference in Albany, N.Y. Patricia Brown and Joann Hale recipients of Environmentalist Of The Year Award. Sister Margeen, Board Director of EPL, attends meeting.
September 21, 1987	Sister Margeen gave presentation to Niagara Falls Rotary Club, Ramada Inn, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
September 26, 1988	ETF went public about financial troubles.
October 1, 1987	ETF has averted a financial crisis and will continue in operation, aided by a public outpouring of financial support.
October 6, 1987	Channel 7 TV interviews Sister Margeen for series called "Troubled Waters".
October 7, 1987	Patricia Brown interviewed by a Kalamazoo Michigan newspaper re Love Canal.
October 7-9, 1987	Sister Margeen attends Great Lakes United meeting, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
October 15, 1987	ETF holds Educational Forum for religious leadership.
October 19-23, 1987	Sister Margeen attends and presents at Save The Bay Conference, Providence, R. I.
October 21, 1987	C.S. Mott Foundation visited ETF office to research information for their Annual Report featuring the Niagara Frontier. Patricia Brown conducted a site tour for Foundation staff to take pictures.
	Patricia Brown gave tour of Love Canal to a visitor from Palm Beach, Florida. Visitor presented check for needy Love Canal family to ETF.

October 22, 1987	ETF Board President, Rev. Al Laese, Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown attend meeting with Eco-Justic Working Group of National Council of Churches and Church World Service, New York City.
October 26, 1987	ETF Board Director Joann Hale and Patricia Brown conduct site tour for Director of Environmental Planning Lobby, Albany, and staff.
October 27, 1987	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Edward (Ned) Sullivan, Deputy Environmental Commissioner, visited the ETF office to meet Board and Staff members.
November 1, 1987	ETF Board Directors Joann Hale and Roger Cook present at Peace Fellowship Group of the United Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ.
November 2, 1987	Sister Margeen gave presentation to Men's Fellowship Group of St. Stephen's-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Buffalo, N.Y.
November 5, 1987	Sister Margeen guest lecturer in "Business Ethics" class, Niagara University.
November 7, 1987	Sister Margeen and Patricia Brown attend "On-Hands" Emergency Drill sponsored by the Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
November 8, 1987	Sister Margeen guest preacher at Wrights Corners Presbyterian Church, Wilson, N.Y.
November 9, 1987	Sister Margeen gave presentation to Sanborn Lions Club, Sanborn, N.Y.
November 10, 1987	ETF Staff attend Niagara Statemen's Breakfast, Red Jacket Inn, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
	Barbara Hanna gave presentation at United Methodist Metro Update, Christ United Methodist Church, Snyder, N.Y.

November 11, 1987	ETF Board Treasurer, Therese Mudd, attends seminar sponsored by Chemical Waste Management Inc. in Washington, D.C.
November 12, 1987	ETF Response Team meets in Olean, N.Y. with Olean Task Force members and local officials and toured local sites of concern.
November 14, 1987	ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, gave presentation to members of American Baptist Church youth from across the USA.
November 15, 1987	Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown gave a presentation to the Corrintian Class of Kenmore United Methodist Church, Kenmore, N.Y.
November 17, 1987	Sister Margeen gave presentation to Women's Federation Group in Wilson, N.Y.
November 21, 1987	Toxics In Your Community Coalition Steering Committee holds their meeting in ETF office.
November 28, 1987	ETF Board Director Joann Hale conducts a workshop, entitled "Environment: Lessons From Love Canal", at the New York State Baptist Youth Fellowship Convention, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
December 5, 1987	ETF Staff coordinates and attends Great Lakes United Lake Ontario Regional Meeting, Cataract House, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
December 7-9, 1987	Sister Margeen attends Board Meeting of National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
December 12, 1987	Sister Margeen attends Great Lakes United Board Meeting, Toronto, Ont., Canada.
December 21, 1987 - January 4, 1988	ETF office closed for Christmas vacation.

January 14, 1988 Board Director, Rev. David Kofahl, presented ETF statement on public participation to the Love Canal Technical Review Committee, plus a list of questions to NYS Department of Health requesting written response on the proposed Love Canal Health Study.

January 19, 1988 ETF Board and Staff hold work session to develop policy statements.

January 22, 1988 ETF Board Director, Therese Mudd, presented ETF statement at hearings in Buffalo regarding Modern Disposal facility expansion in Lewiston, N.Y.

ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, appointed to Grand Island Conservation Commission.

January 25, 1988 ETF President, Rev. Albert Laese, presented statement at DEC Solid Waste Hearings, Cheektowaga Town Hall.

January 28, 1988 Sister Margeen and Patricia Brown presented to Senior Students at Narden Academy, Buffalo, N.Y.

Sister Margeen spoke to members of Niagara Area Cluster United Methodist Churches at St. James United Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

February 9, 1988 ETF Board Director Joann Hale, and Patricia Brown met with United Auto Workers union members and CAP President to discuss a working relationship between unions and environmentalists.

February 13, 1988 ETF Executive Assistant, Barbara Hanna, gave a report of ETF activities to the Western New York Conference Council of the United Methodist Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

February 16, 1988	ETF Board and Staff received presentation from Mr. Thomas Jennings of Occidental regarding high temperature incineration of Love Canal wastes.
	ETF Board Director, Sr. Jane Frances Gregoire, and Staff attend Catholic Charities Appeal kick-off dinner at the Radisson Inn, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
February 17, 1988	ETF hosted luncheon for area business leaders to seek their financial underwriting of Earthcare Gala 1988: An Evening of Art & Environment. Idea was met with enthusiasm and cost of luncheon was underwritten.
February 21, 1988	Sister Margeen presents at Calvary Episcopal Church, Williamsville, N.Y.
February 23, 1988	Sister Margeen presents to American Chemical Society at the Red Jacket Inn, Niagara Falls, and the American Association of University Women at Niagara University.
February 28, 1988	ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, and Patricia Brown conduct tour for members of an American Baptist Church, Rochester, N.Y.
March 1--2, 1988	ETF Board and Staff hold annual evaluation/planning retreat at Center of Renewal, Stella Niagara, N.Y.
March 6, 1988	ETF Board Directors Joann Hale and Roger Cook present at Grace Episcopal Church, Lockport, N.Y.
March 7, 1988	Campaign To Save Niagara leaders met in ETF office with NYS Secretary of State Sheila Murphy.
March 9, 1988	Sister Margeen and Barbara Hanna present at St. John Grace Episcopal Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

March 10, 1988

Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown meet with Tony Voell of University of Buffalo Center for Hazardous Waste Research regarding a Niagara County outreach program for the Center.

ETF Board Directors Rev. Albert Laese and Joann Hale, and Staff Members Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown, attend the first meeting regarding NYS Department of Health proposed study of Love Canal held at the Red Jacket Inn, Niagara Falls.

March 15-16, 1988

ETF Board Director Therese Mudd, and Barbara Hanna, attend Dialogue On Waste Management Issues sponsored by The Conservation Foundation, at Belmont House, Elkridge, Maryland.

March 18, 1988

New York attorneys spent day in ETF office with ETF Scientific/Technical Advisors re CECOS expansion. An evening meeting was held at ETF with members of the Campaign To Save Niagara.

March 19, 1988

ETF Board Director Joann Hale, and Patricia Brown, presented a workshop entitled "Earthcare & The Church" for the Presbytery of Western New York at First Presbyterian Church, East Aurora, N.Y.

Barbara Hanna conducted Love Canal tour for 7th. & 8th. grade United Methodist youth. Participating youth were confirmants to the United Methodist faith from across the Western New York Conference area.

March 23-25, 1988

ETF Board President, Rev. Albert Laese, and ETF Executive Assistant, Barbara Hanna, attend an Education Forum on Hazardous Waste Reduction At-The-Source, in Charleston, West Virginia, sponsored by the National Institute for Chemical Studies. Rev. Laese was guest speaker at a Rotary luncheon on 3/25.

Michael Brown, author of "Laying Waste", used ETF Resource Center Library to compile information for a ten year update on Love Canal.

March 25-26, 1988 ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, attends meeting of Toxics In Your Community Coalition, Syracuse, N.Y.

March 29, 1988 ETF Board Directors Therese Mudd, Rev. Rudolf Gelsey, and Joann Hale, and Staff Members Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown attend CECOS Hearings in Niagara Town Hall. Therese Mudd presented ETF statement on psychological effects.

March 30, 1988 ETF Board Director Rev. Albert Laese and Staff Members Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown attend Issues Hearings re CECOS expansion at Niagara Town Hall.

March 31, 1988 ETF Executive Assistant, Barbara Hanna, attends informational session at EPA office re Federal Superfund Technical Assistance Grants.

April 6, 1988 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9, Public Participation Specialist, Patty Nelson, visits ETF office to become acquainted with staff.

April 8-9, 1988 ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, and Patricia Brown attend conference on Occupational Safety & Health, Ramada Inn, Buffalo, sponsored by the Western New York Council On Occupational Safety & Health.

April 9, 1988 ETF Board Director, Rev. Knight Washburn, presents at Church of the Ascension, Buffalo, N.Y.

April 13, 1988 ETF Board Directors Rev. Albert Laese and Joann Hale, and Staff Members Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown, meet Senator Albert Gore during his visit to Love Canal.

April 16, 1988 Earthcare Gala 1988: An Evening Of Art & Environment held at the Buscaglia-Castellani Art Gallery, DeVeaux Campus of Niagara University. Thanks to the wonderful turnout and generous donations, this evening was a fundraising and consciousness-raising success for ETF.

April 18, 1988

ETF Staff Members Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown attend farewell dinner for Occidental Vice-President Robert Robeson who transferred to Dallas, Texas.

ETF Board Director Rev. Joseph Power, OSFS, with the assistance of Joann Hale and ETF staff, taught an Elderhostel course on "Lessons From Love Canal". It included tours of the Love Canal and SCA treatment facility at Model City, N.Y. The class of 39 senior citizens came from many different areas and included a couple of retired chemical engineers. A similar course will be offered each Fall and Spring as part of the Elderhostel program at Stella Niagara Center of Renewal.

April 20, 1988

Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown gave presentation to LaSalle Kiwanis Club, Georgian House, Niagara Falls.

April 22, 1988

ETF Board Director Joann Hale conducted a Love Canal tour for members of the Eastern Psychological Association.

April 24, 1988

Board Director Rev. Knight Washburn represents ETF at Episcopal Charities recognition dinner, Buffalo, N.Y.

April 28-29, 1988

ETF Board Director Joann Hale, and Patricia Brown, attend Conference on New Technologies sponsored by NYS Senator John B. Daly at Holiday Inn, Grand Island.

April 28, 1988

ETF Executive Assistant Barbara Hanna attends meeting with EPA, DEC, and Department of Health officials regarding demolition of LaSalle Development in Love Canal.

May 6-8, 1988

ETF Executive Director, Sister Margeen Hoffmann, OSF, attends annual meeting of Great Lakes United, Cleveland, Ohio, and was elected Vice-President.

May 7, 1988 ETF Board Director Joann Hale and Patricia Brown meet in Albany with representatives from NYS Department of Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and NYS Attorney General's Office, along with fifteen other citizens from across New York State, to give input on the Draft Public Participation Program.

May 9, 1988 ETF Board Directors Joann Hale and Roger Cook and Patricia Brown attend NYS Department of Law Environment '88 Citizens Meeting co-sponsored by several environmental organizations including ETF.

May 10, 1988 ETF Board President, Rev. Albert Laese, and Barbara Hanna presented to the Lutheran Ministerium at Concordia Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

May 11-12, 1988 ETF Executive Director, Sister Margeen Hoffmann, OSF, attends meeting of National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Rochester, Minnesota, of which she is a Board Director.

May 12, 1988 ETF Board Director, Rev. Knight Washburn, Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown attend Niagara Statesmens breakfast at the Niagara Falls Convention & Civic Center.

May 16, 1988 ETF Board Director, Joann Hale, and Patricia Brown conduct Love Canal tour for 45 students from Monarch Park Collegiate, Toronto, Ont.

May 17, 1988 ETF Board Director, Rev. Knight Washburn, Barbara Hanna and Patricia Brown conduct Love Canal tour for 65 United Methodist Women from Zanesfield, Ohio. ETF Past President, Rev. James N. Brewster, presented "Dr. Garbage & His Amazing Disappearing Act".

May 19, 1988 Michael K. Heiman, Department of Geography, Syracuse University, interviewed ETF Staff relative to the siting of hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities in New York State.

May 21, 1988

ETF Board Directors Joann Hale and Rev. David W. Kofahl, presented to the St. James United Methodist Church Confirmation Class.

May 23, 1988

ETF Board Directors and Staff attended Recycling Coalition Conference at Erie County Community College, Amherst Campus.

May 25, 1988

ETF Board Director, Leonard Wrona, presented to the Erie/Niagara Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers at the Buffalo Yacht Club.