



# The Center for Environmental Action

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The Rev. Robert Richter, Chairperson  
Committee on the Ministry  
Northern California Conference  
United Church of Christ  
c/o 777 Oakland Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94611

Dear Bob,

Greetings, friend. As you perhaps know, our agency has for some time been seeking a relevant way to relate to the churches in Northern California. Following the Ecumenical Consultation on the Church and the Environment, in May 1977, a Northern California Working Group of The Center for Environmental Action was constituted. For some months now that Working Group has been formulating goals and directions. The Rev. John Nasstrom (Lutheran Council, U.S.A. staff person for the Western states region) and current chairperson of the board of directors of The Center for Environmental Action, also chairs the Working Group.

At a meeting on January 16, 1978, the Northern California Working Group of the C.E.A. voted unanimously to extend a call to Lois (Loey) Powell to the position of Staff Associate. This action will be ratified by the board of directors of The Center for Environmental Action as its annual meeting on February 17-18, 1978.

The Center for Environmental Action is a nationally, and regionally, supported ecumenical ministry of the Church, focused on the critical social justice issues inherent in the ecological crisis. In the Northern California region we are an affiliate agency of the Northern California Ecumenical Council. Nationally, the United Church for Homeland Ministries is represented on our governing board.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to having Loey join our ministry. Her commitment to social justice and to ministry, holds great promise for strengthening our ministry among the churches of the Northern California region.

Either John Nasstrom or myself will be glad to provide additional information to the Committee on the Ministry.

Sincerely,

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