

**The Environmental Commission
Report to the 229th Annual Diocesan Convention**

The Environmental Commission continues to monitor ongoing discussions about the fracking of the Delaware River water supply in Upper New York among other potential environmental issues affecting our churches and members.

We recruited and sponsored a health professional speaker on asthma for the Urban Committee's Health Forum at the Cathedral during 2012 who was well received and provided a large variety of information of how we may be able to somewhat contain the growing asthma problem in New Jersey.

Of particular interest is the effect of global warming on the increasing ferocity of various natural events, particularly the damaging consequences of Hurricane Sandy.

We are offering our ongoing services for doing environmental audits of more churches.

Anyone interested in become a member of our internet associated group should contact me at the email address below. We would be delighted to welcome you.

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