



A Drop in the Ocean?

HSUC Council recently passed a motion to encourage the use of reusable water bottles on church property.

Why not use convenient bottled water? There are several reasons:

- It is the position of the United Church of Canada that water is a human right and no-one should profit from the sale of water.
- Making and transporting plastic bottles for water uses millions of barrels of oil, creating greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.
- Most plastic water bottles – over 75% -- *don't* get recycled. Our beautiful Great Lakes are becoming heavily polluted with plastics.
- Bottled water is no safer than water from our municipal water system.
- Bottling water from aquifers can lead to water shortages.

More than 75 Canadian municipalities have banned bottled water, including Guelph and London.

Here in Grand Bend we love our beautiful Lake Huron and its pristine beaches. This is one small thing we can do to make a difference.

Don't forget to drink water, especially when we're worshipping outside in the warm weather. Reusable water bottles are available at a variety of price points (try the nearest dollar store). You can refill your water bottle with wholesome municipal water in the church washrooms.