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## **UUCV ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF AIR QUALITY MONITOR WITH KEEN DONATION**

### *Air Quality Portable Monitor Will Give Real-time PM2.5 Readings*

*Carlisle, PA (May 18, 2007)* – The Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley (UUCV) are pleased to announce that with a generous matching gift designated for purchase of an air quality monitor of \$7,500 from Keen Transport, they have met their goal to purchase a portable, real-time monitor for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in air.

The Rev. Duane Fickeisen, co-minister of UUCV, said, "I am grateful to Keen Transport for contributing toward the purchase of the monitor. This donation demonstrates Keen's commitment to our community and to protecting the air we breathe. Keen's contribution matches dollar-for-dollar donations from concerned citizens and physicians."

UUCV shares concerns with Keen Transport, the Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. (CAB), and local physicians about the serious adverse health effects of fine particulates in the air. The monitor will be maintained and operated by the Clean Air Board, which expects to use it to supplement data provided by the stationery monitor that was recently installed in Carlisle by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Jesse Keen said, "Keen Transport is very pleased to make this donation on behalf of all the Keen associates and their families that live and work in the Cumberland Valley. We feel the quicker the hot spots of excessive diesel emissions are pinpointed and the offenders that cause them are identified, permanent solutions can be developed. Keen strives everyday to be a proactive trucking company by reducing the diesel emissions we have control of and hope others will do the same. Thanks to UUCV and CAB for taking on this very important project."

The portable monitor will be used to identify and map concentrations of fine particulates in various locations in our area and for public education. Keen and UUCV expect the information obtained to help in the effort to reduce fine particulates.

The American Lung Association (ALA) recently ranked Cumberland County as the 14th worst county in the country for fine particulates, and that was based on air quality standards that have since been changed to be more restrictive and data from a monitor located away from the residential areas that are likely to have higher concentrations.

*UUCV is a regional congregation, located in Boiling Springs, with members who live throughout the Cumberland Valley. Our mission calls us to transform lives and to care for the earth. As stewards of the earth, we are concerned about caring for people and the environment. This donation helps us work toward assuring that the air all of us breathe is healthy.*