

Program Mission

- The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO), part of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), promotes human rights, peace, and justice throughout the world.
- The UU-UNO, working under Commit2Respond, facilitates the creation of Climate Action Teams (CATs), promotes Climate Justice Initiative projects, and provides a *Climate Change Religious Education Curriculum*.

Why is Climate Change so Important?

- The damaging impacts of climate change are already being felt, and will be increasingly severe if action is not taken.
- Climate change is a human survival issue, interconnected with social justice and environmental issues including biodiversity, peace, health, immigration, poverty, economic stability, and human rights..
- There can be no long-term solution to any of these issues unless we effectively deal with climate change.

Call to Action

- We have a moral, ethical, and survival imperative to act effectively to ensure ecosystem health, livelihood, peace, and justice for us and for future generations.
- Congregations have the power to be community leaders who inspire action to fight for environmental justice and mitigate climate change.

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Please contact the UU-UNO with any additional questions or for more information about starting your own Climate Action Team.



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Climate Justice: Get Involved



Climate Justice Initiative
www.UUA.org/CAT

What is a Climate Action Team?

- Climate Action Teams (CATs) are congregation's Commit2Respond interest groups. CATs work in their congregations and communities to combat climate change and environmental justice issues.
- A CAT keeps its congregation aware of current climate justice issues and generates involvement in efforts to mitigate climate change.
- CATs are based on Unitarian Universalist Principles, supported by the 2006 UUA Statement of Conscience: *Threat of Global Warming/Climate Change* and the 2015 Action of Immediate Witness: *Act for a Livable Climate*.
- CATs range in how they were formed, an independent committee or a subcommittee of a Green Sanctuary or Social Justice Committee, to having a range of focuses on environmental justice.



How Can I Get Involved with Climate Action Teams?

- Find out if your congregation has a Climate Action Team. If you do, check for CAT news and programs!
- Your congregation may not have a Climate Action Team – **Get one started!** Go to www.UUA.org/CAT or contact our office for resources and assistance.
- Partner with the network of people at the UU-UNO and UUs globally to raise awareness and inspire climate change mitigation initiatives in your own congregation and community!

Ten Suggestions to Get Involved!

1. Maintain a CAT Bulletin Board and Submit Newsletter Items to Educate Your Congregation
2. Organize Climate Justice Events
3. Check out the UU-UNO Climate Change Religious Education Curriculum
4. Formulate Climate Action Statements and Adopt Congregational Policies
5. Develop Intergenerational Climate Projects
6. Adopt a Congregational Plan to Lower Your Carbon Footprint
7. Join a CAT Conference Call and Connect With Other Active UUs on Climate Justice
8. Partner With Other Faith-Based or Environmental Groups to Organize Community Initiatives
9. Connect with Print and Online Media and Counter Climate Disinformation
10. Join or Organize Campaigns to Advocate for Climate Justice at the Local, State, National, and International Levels

