

People's Climate March – Christian Resources

Bulletin Announcement

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, hundreds of thousands of people will take part in the People's Climate March in Manhattan and thousands will participate in a march and rally in downtown Portland. We will be calling on world leaders to commit to a strong climate change treaty. (Name of faith community) has endorsed the March and will be sending a group to participate. Contact (name of contact person within the faith community) at (e-mail address or phone) if you would like to take part. Learn more at www.peoplesclimate.org or contact march@greenfaith.org for the New York march or www.ecofaithrecovery.org to join with other people of faith in the Portland solidarity march.

Newsletter Article

Join (Name of Church) at the People's Climate March, Sept. 21

As Christians, we have a moral duty to take care of creation and preserve it for future generations.

We have an obligation to protect the most vulnerable –those who suffer from droughts, flooding and diseases spread by climate change.

We need an economy that works for people and the planet; a world with good jobs, clean air and water, and healthy communities.

That's why, on Sunday afternoon, September 21, hundreds of thousands of people will march in New York City to call for a strong, international climate change treaty and to launch an international, interfaith campaign called *1 Good Thing– Religions for a Strong Climate Treaty*.

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The Bible teaches "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." (Ps. 24) Jesus tells us that "Truly I tell you, whatever you did unto the least of these, your brothers and sisters, you did unto me." (Mt. 25)

That's why the time to act has arrived. Please join others in our faith community. Take part in the People's Climate March. Show your support for *1 Good Thing* – a strong climate treaty that protects people and the planet.

We've known for years that climate change represents an enormous threat. The poor are far more likely to be hurt by climate-related natural disasters, which have quadrupled in the last two decades, than populations above the poverty line. America's military and religious leaders across the ideological spectrum have said climate change is one of the greatest threats to our future. But, sadly, the powerful fossil fuel industry is holding back progress and using its political influence to stop progress and to protect massive taxpayer subsidies – over \$1 billion per day around the world.

Imagine what good could be done if those resources were invested in a healthy future.

The Earth is a stunning gift. It supports life. It is the basis of all our economies. It conveys beauty. It evokes our recognition of something greater than ourselves. It is our temple, our sanctuary, our cathedral. It is our home. But today, the balance of life on Earth is threatened by climate change.

For faith communities, the People's Climate March is our chance to make our voices heard, to call for action that will protect life and create a pathway to a positive future. In the past, enormous, peaceful public marches have played an important role in shifting the cultural and political landscape, of demonstrating massive public will for action on matters of great moral weight.

To learn more and to get involved,

- * contact (name of contact person within your faith community),
- * e-mail march@greenfaith.org to connect with other people of faith for the New York march,
- * visit www.ecofaithrecovery.org to connect with the Sept. 21st Portland Solidarity march, or
- * visit www.peoplesclimate.org.