

HOW TO MAKE YOUR CLIMATE EFFORTS COUNT

Saturday, March 14, Gathering 9:30 a.m., Program, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC

DRAFT AGENDA as of 2/09/2015

9:30-10:00 Gathering/fellowship time – tea & coffee, registration, etc.

10:00-10:15 Welcome - UUSJ, Opening Meditation, Introductions

10:15 -12:30 Review of basic elements of Commit2Respond Initiative --Pam

- Key three year goals
- Key resources that C2R brings to the table for UUs

Strategic Planning – Pam will facilitate and call on presenters to give reports/updates as identified in advance; brief congregational reports.

Goals for the time together:

Create a one year timeline of key C2R-related events where area UU congregations may want to plug into/contribute to making succeed. For example:

- Earth Day – materials available & related actions
- General Assembly 2015 Portland, Oregon
- Paris UNFCCC talks
- Papal visit
- Interfaith Collaboration

Identify existing area/local initiatives with area UU congregations related to climate justice & green sanctuary work that could compliment/contribute to C2R – and what C2R might be able to contribute to helping those maximize impact. For example:

- World Water Day
- Earth Day
- Paris UNFCCC talks
- Papal visit
- Interfaith and multi-faith

Begin to build a joint strategic plan that highlights the unique role and potential of UUs for Social Justice in the National Capital region within the national context of C2R.

Intended Outputs:

- Timeline that you can use for further planning
- Identification of specific initiatives/actions that could be the basis for ongoing working groups
- Identification of ongoing teams/work groups/task forces, etc.
- Initial “bones” of a strategic plan that could inform your work going forward over the next year (and possibly fundraising, where needed) – and that would be helpful to the national C2R effort as well

12:30 Adjourn

1:00 Opening session of the Young Adults Spring Lobby Weekend at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC. The opening speaker will be an environmental activist on "Our Moral Obligation to Act on Climate Change."