**Ideas for UUSJ Environment Committee Action**

Develop Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) for GA on climate justice. Have May meeting on AIW (Action of Immediate Witness).

Prepare delegates going to GA for climate justice there.

Promote divestment of fossil fuel investments ( Possible Partner: [Rocky Mountain Institute](http://www.rmi.org/)

[Voluntary Carbon Tax for Individuals](http://voluntarycarbontax.org/) (FCL).

Promote C2R. Ask congregations to commit to 20% reduction in carbon emissions using energy use dashboard (need to measure to be accountable).

Coordinate congregation climate movie showings with individual commitments to action following the movie.

Organize and cooperate on an inter-jurisdictional speaker series.

Organize write here, write now letter writing campaigns organized (see [Chesapeake Sustainable Business Council](http://www.csbcouncil.org/) )

Support eliminating bottled water.

Broaden outreach to people of color and other minority communities.

Coordinate Earth Day events/celebrations of congregations.

Promote powering congregations with wind and solar power ( option with supplier, Join [Groundswell](http://www.groundswell.org/) for wind power).

Organize nonviolent civil disobedience calling attention to climate justice.

 Alliance to support carbon tax/cap and trade (see [Citizens’ Climate Lobby](https://citizensclimatelobby.org/) ).

Form/join Citizens’ Climate Lobby chapters in congregation area.

Undertake individual commitments to do climate saving actions.

[Support Elders coming to lobby on Grandparents’ Day](http://www.eldersclimateaction.org/gcad2) .

Promote a denominational press release supporting climate justice at same time as papal encyclical release.

 **“Parking Lot” Items**

A flip chart entitled "parking lot" served as a means to capture key questions that came up about Commit2Respond that had no readily available answers. These questions would be sent to UUSC to help the leadership provide a better sense of engagement and commitment as C2R is rolled out to all UU congregations and related groups. The major questions were:

* Resources -- are there available resources for congregations to move forward to carry out the goals of C2R?
* Intergenerational -- how can C2R involve all generations, as this essential feature seems missing in the plan as outlined?
* Duplication -- how does C2R coordinate with and avoid duplication with other UUA and related organizations' efforts, such as Ministry for the Earth?
* Long-term commitment -- is UUSC sufficiently resourced to carry out its program over a longer period, for, say, 3 years?
* Outreach plan to other faiths -- how does C2R intend to work with other faiths to build a broad interdenominational movement?

**Regional UU Environmental Activists Calendar Created March 14, 2015**

[Environmental Film Festival](http://uusj.net/wp/environmental-film-festival-march-17-29-washington-dc/)
Tuesday, March 17 – Sunday, March 29
Various Locations in DC Region

[“Our Big Carbon Footprint” Game](http://www.rruuc.org/climate-justice)
Sunday, March 22 – Wednesday, April 22
River Road UU Congregation

[Interfaith Power and Light Carbon Fast Lenten Calendar](http://uusj.net/wp/interfaith-power-and-light-lenten-carbon-fast-calendar/)

[Showing of "Years of Living Dangerously](http://uusj.net/wp/showing-of-years-of-living-dangerously-first-sunday-of-month-cedar-lane-uu-church-bethesda-md/)
First Sunday of each month through May
Cedar Lane UU Church

[Global Climate Change: No Longer Tomorrow’s Challenge](http://uusj.net/wp/global-climate-change-no-longer-tomorrows-challenge-april-6-fairfax-va/)
Monday April 6, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00pm
George Mason University
Merten Hall Room 1201
Fairfax, VA  22030  (flier on post)

[Potomac River Watershed Cleanup](http://uusj.net/wp/potomac-river-watershed-cleanup-april-11-multiple-sites/)
Saturday, April 11
Multiple Sites

[Film Screening and Discussion of "Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret](http://uusj.net/wp/film-screening-and-discussion-of-cowspiracy-the-sustainability-secret-april-12-leesburg-va/)
Sunday, April 12
Leesburg, VA

[Film Screening of "Beasts of the Southern Wild"](http://uusj.net/wp/film-screening-of-beasts-of-the-southern-wild-april-17-oakton-va/)
Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.
Unity of Fairfax

[Arts, Brews, and Climate Change](http://uusj.net/wp/arts-brews-and-climate-change-april-18-purcellville-va/)
Saturday, April 18
Purcellville, VA (flier on post)

[Earth Day Symposium](http://uusj.net/wp/earth-day-symposium-april-18-oakton-va/)
Saturday, April 18, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Unity of Fairfax Church (flier on post)

[Earth Day Concert](http://uusj.net/wp/earth-day-concert-april-18-uu-congregation-of-fairfax-oakton-va/)
Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
UU Congregation of Fairfax (flier on post)

[Seth Bush, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Organizer Speaking](http://uusj.net/wp/seth-bush-sierra-club-beyond-coal-organizer-speaking-april-19-washington-ethical-society-washington-dc/)
Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.
Washington Ethical Society

Commit to Take at Least One New Action to Care for the Earth
By Earth Day, April 22
UU Congregation of Fairfax

[Repair Café](http://mvuc.org/social-justice/green-sanctuary/)
Second weekend of May
Mount Vernon Unitarian Church

[International Migratory Bird Day](http://www.nps.gov/rocr/international-migratory-bird-day-page.htm)
Saturday, May 9?
Rock Creek Park

Week of Action at Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
May 21-29
<http://beyondextremeenergy.org/>

Second Friday Vespers- Thomas Berry- music, meditation
Friday, May 8
UU Congregation of Fairfax/ Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions

[Citizens’ Climate Lobby Conference](http://uusj.net/wp/citizens-climate-lobby-conference-june-21-23-washington-dc/)
Sunday, June 21- Tuesday, June 23
Washington, DC

Summer RE on Climate
UU Congregation of Fairfax

[UUA General Assembly](http://uusj.net/wp/registration-and-housing-reservations-for-the-uu-general-assembly-open-march-2/)
Wednesday, June 24 - Sunday, June 28
Portland, OR
[Commit2Respond and General Assembly](http://uusj.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Commit2Respond-and-General-Assembly.pdf)

[UU Ministry for Earth Tour](http://uusj.net/wp/uu-ministry-for-earth-tour-june-29-portland-or/)
Monday, June 29, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Portland, OR

[Animal Rights National Conference](http://uusj.net/wp/animal-rights-national-conference-july-30-august-2-washington-dc/)
Thursday, July 30 - Sunday, August 2
Alexandria, VA

[Grounded and Resilient Organizers Workshop (GROW) Climate Justice](http://uusj.net/wp/grounded-and-resilient-organizers-workshop-grow-climate-justice-august-7-11-chicago-il/)
Friday, August 7 to Tuesday, August 11 (Registration Deadline May 3)
Chicago, IL
Young Adults program of UU College of Social Justice

[Grandparents Climate Action Day](http://uusj.net/wp/grandparents-climate-action-day-september-9-10-washington-dc/)
Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10
Washington, DC

Green Fair
Late September
Mount Vernon Unitarian Church

Moral March on Washington
Sunday, September 20
moralactiononclimate.org (site to be live soon)
Coincides with Pope Francis’s visit [flier](http://uusj.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Moral-March-on-Washington.pdf)

Faith Alliance Action on Climate Movie
September

Faith Alliance Action on Climate Movie
October

Faith Alliance Action on Climate Energy Dashboard
October

Fairfax Supervisors Elections
November

Faith Alliance Action on Climate Movie
November

United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP21
Monday, November 30 – Friday, December 11
Paris, France
[Pilgrimage to Paris](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/pilgrims-for-climate-justice-plan-to-impact-cop-21-in-paris)

**For Young Adults**

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Young Adults program of UU College of Social Justice being planned by Tim DeChristopher

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) offers several opportunities for older teens and young adults (18-23) to learn about the work of advocacy.  There is a spring training and lobby weekend, summer internships, an eleven month young fellows program, and an advocacy corps of community organizers.  To find out more about these opportunities visit [the webpage.](http://futureadvocate.org/)