



To: Congregational Presidents, Congregational Social Action Chairs, Social Responsibility Chairs, Environment Monitoring Group, Environment Discussion and Newsletter Editors

From: Jennifer Dickson – Executive Director, Canadian Unitarian Council

Re: Climate Change Day of Action October 24, 2009

On October 24th, 2009, concerned citizens of the world can participate in an International Day of Climate Action. Thanks to 350.org (see web page below), who initiated this action, the global voice of humanity can rise together and call for reducing Greenhouse Gas in the atmosphere, to 350 parts per million (ppm) – the maximum level for safety determined by climate scientists. Levels above this put us all at the mercy of catastrophic climate events – and the current level is close to 390 (ppm). Urgent international action is needed to put a cap on carbon emissions.

For our children, and grandchildren's sake, we must let our governments know we care about climate - before December -when world leaders will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, to sign the 'post-Kyoto' climate change treaty. We want Canada's leaders to listen to us, the people, and to take scientifically required action. For more info, see www.350.org and/or www.eco-justice.org (then click "Join the 350 Movement").

We encourage congregations and communities to join in taking climate action anytime - leading up to, on, and beyond October 24th.

- Plan a worship service, on "Climate Justice and Global Poverty" for either Sunday October 17th or Sunday October 25th.
- During the week of October 17 – 23: We invite you to visit your MP asking for his/her support for the Climate Change Bill C311 which comes up for 3rd reading this Fall, and asking for him/her to sign the pledge for politicians.
- Plan a church and/or community activity addressing climate change or calling attention to the need for climate action (see 350.org for examples – a tree planting, walk, speakers, music, art, workshop, bike action, community clean-up, film, skit, carbon-free local dinner, rally, etc).
- Promote your activities with local newspapers, radio stations, etc before the Day of Action to publicize what you will be doing and why.

- Circulate petitions for signatures.
- Share what your congregations and community are doing. Please send your info to: Janet Vickers (janet@cuc.ca)
- Register your action and send in a photo to www.350.org

Thanks for getting involved in this important ministry of caring for the earth and its climate for the life and health of all creatures.

FROM WWW.350.ORG WEBSITE:

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION

Contact/Donate/Media

What is the Day of Action?

We're calling on people around the world to organize an action on October 24 incorporating the number 350 at an iconic place in their community, and then upload a photo of their event to 350.org website.

We'll collect these images from around the world and, with your help, deliver them to the media and world leaders. Together, we can show our world and it's decision-makers just how big, beautiful, and unified the climate movement really is.

To help you take part in October 24's international day of climate action, we are:

Lifting public awareness on the need for an international climate treaty to reach 350

Assembling a coalition of hundreds of organizations committed to this vision of a more sustainable world

Connecting you with others in your community and across the planet who are building this movement

Providing on-line resources and tools that make pulling together an event easy

Linking your October 24 event with hundreds of other actions at iconic places around the world

Leveraging the day of action for meaningful political change

350.org is an open-source campaign: it's your ideas, input, and energy that will make October 24 and this movement for change a success. Have something to contribute? **Contact Us.**

Here are some examples of 350 actions around the world that have already taken place:

Friends and Allies

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350 isn't one organization, it's a platform--a global network connecting people in every corner of the planet. The 350 network consists of over 200 organizations around the world--**click here** to check them out. This network gets stronger as it grows--to get your organization involved please e-mail [partnerships \[at\] 350.org](mailto:partnerships@350.org)