

Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun Resolution on Climate Change

Whereas:

97% of scientists worldwide affirm, in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 5th Assessment Report, that Climate Change is occurring due to the human burning of fossil fuels.

The window of opportunity to mitigate/minimize Climate Change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from burning of fossil fuels is rapidly closing.

Our climate is already changing and already affects Virginia. The Hampton Roads area, subject to frequent flooding during high tides, is the 2nd most vulnerable to sea level rise after New Orleans.

Climate Change impacts all aspects of society, from food production, to livelihoods, health, and economics¹.

The poor frontline communities worldwide bear the brunt of the impact of Climate Change even though their greenhouse gas emissions are far fewer than those of richer communities.

UUCL covenants, by our Second and Seventh Principles, to affirm and promote justice, equity, and compassion in human relations and respect the interdependent web of all existence.

The UUCL Mission includes “Promoting Justice in the World”.

UUCL has demonstrated its commitment to the environment by supporting an active Green Team.

The technology currently exists to transition to a clean, renewable energy based economy.

Therefore, be it resolved:

We, the congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun, commit to support efforts and adopt practices that will minimize the use of fossil fuels to reduce our carbon footprint.

¹ (IPCC, 2014: Climate Change 2014: Synthesis Report. Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)