



## Faith Principles for a Green New Deal

The introduction of the Green New Deal resolution in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress presents a profound moral opportunity. Collectively, we have the chance to respond to the ecological and economic crises facing our shared home with bold and hopeful action. As people of faith and conscience, we are called to care for this world and its people. Climate change presents a grave danger to our neighbors at home and across the globe, to the ecosystems that sustain life, and to future generations. Hurricanes, droughts, wildfires, and floods are devastating the lives and livelihoods of millions, with the greatest impact felt by those who are least able to adapt. We know that inaction is harmful.

**We believe the principles outlined below are central to responding faithfully to the opportunity to achieve the goals of the Green New Deal.**

**Truth and science:** Solutions that are in line with scientific consensus on global warming and that respond with the needed urgency and thoroughness, including:

- Emissions reductions targets consistent with the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C, achieving significant progress by 2030.
- A comprehensive response that moves all sectors of our economy toward net-zero emissions by 2050.

**Restoration and renewal:** Economic and environmental revitalization that includes job programs, skills training, education, investment in a clean energy economy and just transition for both urban and rural areas, with a focus on:

- The economically disenfranchised, people of color, indigenous communities, and women, who are disproportionately facing environmental degradation.
- Reclamation and restoration of land and water adversely affected by fossil fuel production and processing.
- The steadily-rising economic inequality and the opportunity for a clean energy economy to help counter these trends.

**Compassion and fairness:** Just treatment for all including workers and communities most dependent on fossil fuel energy, incorporating:

- A posture of listening and learning from those who have been reliant on fossil fuels, and a recognition for their contributions to society.
- Opportunities for clean, healthy, family-supporting jobs that heal our planet.
- Transformation for our communities to be more prepared for extreme weather events, and more resilient to a changing climate in the long term.

**Interdependence across boundaries:** Sacred dialogue across political, geographic, racial and cultural boundaries, including:

- Support for vulnerable communities around the world that are on the front lines of climate impacts.
- Learning from clean energy successes around the world and sharing our country's technology to help other countries adopt appropriate clean energy solutions.

As the warming in our world continues unabated, our local and global neighbors are suffering and dying from the effects of global warming. Urgent action is needed.

Many of our traditions call us to be prophetic voices, responding to injustice with a vision of how our world can be more loving, healthy, and equitable. We hope, pray, and advocate that any legislation written to achieve the goals of the Green New Deal will address the urgency of the climate crisis and seize the opportunity to create a new, more just and livable world for communities and our sacred Creation.

**Endorsed by:**

**National Organizations:**

Africa Faith & Justice Network	Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
American Friends Service Committee	Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office
Center on Conscience & War	National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
Church World Service	Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment
Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life	Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach	Plainsong Farm & Ministry
Conference of Major Superiors of Men	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Congregation of Our Lady of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces	Quaker Earthcare Witness
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes	Rabbinical Assembly
Creation Justice Ministries	School Sisters of Notre Dame - Central Pacific Province JPIC Office
Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise	Sisters of Bon Secours, USA
Dominican Sisters of Peace	Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill	Sisters of Mercy of the Americas' Institute Justice Team
Faith in Public Life	Sisters of Mercy South Central Community
Franciscan Action Network	Sisters of St. Joseph
Friends Committee on National Legislation	Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
GreenFaith	Sisters of the Holy Cross
Green The Church	Sojourners
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart	Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment
Higher Ground Initiative	Union for Reform Judaism
Hospital Sisters of St. Francis	Unitarian Universalist Association
ICCR (Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility)	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Interfaith Power & Light	Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
Leadership Conference of Women Religious	

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ)	Leadership Team of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Indiana
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries	Lewinsville Faith in Action
United Methodist Women	Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light
Xaverian Brothers	Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement
<b>State/Local Organizations:</b>	Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
Alabama Interfaith Power and Light	Missouri Interfaith Power and Light
Alameda Interfaith Climate Action Network	Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light	Moral Mondays on D.O.G. Street
Arizona Interfaith Power & Light	North Carolina Council of Churches
ARTivism Virginia	North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light
Benedictine Sisters of Erie	New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light
Buffalo Diocese Care for Creation Committee	New York Interfaith Power & Light
California Interfaith Power & Light	Ohio Interfaith Power & Light
Center for Spirituality, Action, and Transformation	Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light
Church Women United in New York State	Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team
Dominican Sisters - Grand Rapids	Sisters of St. Francis Charitable Trust, Dubuque
Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light	Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
Ecological Integrity Committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph	Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Justice Office
Faith in Place Action Fund/IL Interfaith Power & Light	Sisters of the Presentations
Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County	Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light
The Hellenion Proto-demos tes Hagnes Persephones	Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy/Texas Impact
Holy Cross Retreat Center	Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network
Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)	Virginia Interfaith Power & Light
JPIC Department Atlantic Midwest Province School Sisters of Notre Dame	Vermont Interfaith Power & Light
Jewish Climate Action Network - MA	Water is life. Protect it.
Jewish Climate Action Network – NYC	West Virginia Interfaith Power & Light
Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light	Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light