CLIMATE JUSTICE

CreateClimateJustice.net a new website to support spiritual grounding, movement building and solidarity for climate justice







Call Agenda

- Background
 - Founding organizations
 - Presenters, Aly Tharp and Rev. Karen Brammer
 - Preceding programs that inspired CreateClimateJustice.net
- CreateClimateJustice.net is coming! Why?
- Principles guiding this work
- Site features
- Launch timeline
- Site preview & applications
- How you can be involved
- Discussion



Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth



- "7th Principle Project" Conceptualized in 1989, Incorporated 2001
- Created the Green Sanctuary Program (1999), gave to UUA in 2008
- UU Young Adults for Climate Justice network created 2012
- 2014 2017 Leader of the Commit2Respond campaign
- Fall 2016 Partnered with UUA Green Sanctuary Program on Environmental Justice Practitioners Network webinars



Unitarian Universalist Association Green Sanctuary Program



- Started by UUMFE in 1999, given to UUA in 2008
- Close to 30% of our congregations are Green Sanctuary Accredited
- Four Focus Areas: Environmental Justice, Worship & Celebration, Religious Education, Sustainable Living
- Supporting UU movement building through congregational and coalition-based action and transformation



Unitarian Universalist Association United Nations Office



- Unitarian representation at the UN began in 1946, and Universalist representation began in 1950
- 1956, Universalists and Unitarians convened the first annual UN Seminar at the Church Center
- The UN Office represents Unitarian Universalist community & values at the United Nations
- UU-UNO started a Climate Justice Initiative that supports UU congregational Climate Action Teams (CATs)

Background

About Me (Aly Tharp)

- UU Ministry for Earth Program Director
- UU Young Adults for Climate Justice Network (2014 Present)
- Commit2Respond Program Manager (March 2016 End)
- B.A. Environmental Studies (Austin College, 2012)
- Tar Sands Blockade pipeline resistance in East Texas (2012 2013)



Background

About Me (Rev. Karen Brammer)

- Green Sanctuary Staff (2013- present)
- UUA Congregational Life Staff 2006 2013
- Minister of smaller congregations since 1998
- Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School
- Decades of community organizing with nonviolent education and direct action





Two Unitarian Universalist programs provided the inspiration and fertile ground from which CreateClimateJustice.net is springing:

- 1. The Commit2Respond Campaign
- 2. The Environmental Justice Practitioners Network





Commit2Respond Campaign

- Started September 2014 to bring UU and allied organizations together around climate and environmental justice
- 200 endorsing organizations, over 3,800 endorsing individuals
- Ended in 2017
- Three pillars:
 - SHIFT to a low-carbon future
 - ADVANCE the rights of most-impacted communities
 - GROW the climate justice movement



Background

Environmental Justice Practitioners Network (EJPN)

- Started 2015 by Rev. Karen Brammer; Primarily known by the Webinar Series
- **Main objectives:** (1) Support and inform congregational environmental justice organizing, (2) support covenanting communities of practice
- Joint program of the UUA Green Sanctuary Program & UUMFE

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A new platform is coming! Why?

- To live more deeply into the principles guiding our work
- Overarching goal: Ecological, Climate, Environmental Justice

Principles Guiding This Work

- 1. Seven Principles of the UUA
- 2. Jemez Principles for Democratic Organizing,
- 3. Principles of Environmental Justice First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit 1991
- 4. Principles of Working Together Second National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit 2002

Seven Principles of the UUA

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Jemez Principles for Democratic Organizing

- 1. Be Inclusive
- 2. Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing
- 3. Let People Speak for Themselves
- 4. Work Together in Solidarity and Mutuality
- 5. Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
- 6. Commitment to Self-Transformation

Principles of Environmental Justice

First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit 1991

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Principles of Working Together

Second National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit 2002

Download at www.ejnet.org/ej



Who is this platform for?



• Unitarian Universalists committed to creating climate justice

- Partners on the path of creating climate justice
 - Actively seeking organizational sponsors and coalition partners

Features:

- User based:
 - everyone will have a personal account
 - social verification system
 - Free / donation-based
- Focused on supporting groups, coalitions, and networks
 - Posting events, news, and resources must be done through a group page
 - Special features for groups
- Rooted in principle and vision of climate justice + environmental justice
- Supports relationship building, communication, emergent strategy
- Supports movement building and mobilizations

Timeline

April 1st - Begin beta testing

April 5 - Promotional materials available

April 22 - Earth Day

May 14th - Target public launch date

Preview

These are screenshots taken 3/22/18, showing the current development stage of CreateClimateJustice.net to help you get a picture of what it will be like and how it can be used. The site will not look exactly like this by its public launch.

Feedback appreciated!

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Groups Directory	CreateClimateJustice.net! This community portal, which has been in developm	ient	
Resources	Activism & organizing Green Sanctuary		
\$ Donate	UUMFE's 2018 Earth Day Sermon: "Earth Based Salvation" Mar 20, 2018 uumfe.org		
	Every year UUMFE solicits a featured Earth Day sermon on the topic of that ye Earth Day resources. This year's sermon is now available: "Earth Based Salvat Juliana v. the United States" by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie, Minister at North UU	ion:	
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	Second GROW Climate Justice Training Scheduled! Mar 20, 2018 uumfe.org	UU Environmental Justice	Practitioners Network
	Building on the success of the first Grounded Resilient Organizers Workshop (GROW) on climate justice for young adults in fall 2015, the UU College of Soc Justice has scheduled a second GROW Climate Justice training for May 25-27		gram
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About



Coalition

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The Green Sanctuary Program provides structure, leadership and support, in broad collaboration, for the UU faith community to engage in an ambitious Environmental Justice and Climate Justice movement that seeks to live fully our seventh principle and achieve our vision of a viable and just world for all. Our High-Level Goals and Strategies forming the Mission: 1) Provide a structure for congregations to engage with environmental and climate issues and to move along the spectrum of awareness and action 2) Help connect UUs together working on the front lines of environmental and climate justice work, thus building movement capacity and collaboration for effective action 3) Act with love and justice to heal the earth, our home 4) Support frontline communities to protect people and the web of life 5) Take courageous action to fight against environmental challenges, worshiping and acting - grounded in justice and Unitarian Universalist values. 254 (25% of UU congregational study, reflection, and action in response to environmental challenges, worshiping and acting - grounded in justice and Unitarian Universalist values. 254 (25% of UU congregations) achieved GS accreditation, plus 70 in process (list of Accredited GS Congregations). GS accreditation recognizes a congregation's service and dedication. A part-time GS Program Manager (part of UUA's Multi-Cultural Growth and Witness Staff Group), and the GS Advisory Board formed in 2014, provide support and guidance. Given the increasingly urgent need for courageous action to fight climate change and the environmental and human injustices that it causes (climate justice), we now require a new level of congregational engagement. We envision Green Sanctuary congregations that are infused with a spirit and passion to join others in life- and planet-saving work. We recognize that our work must be intersectional, as described by the worldwide Sustainable Development Goals that start with the elimination of poverty, and for which climate action is an integral part.

Moderators



Rev Karen Brammer Manager, UUA Green Sanctuary Program

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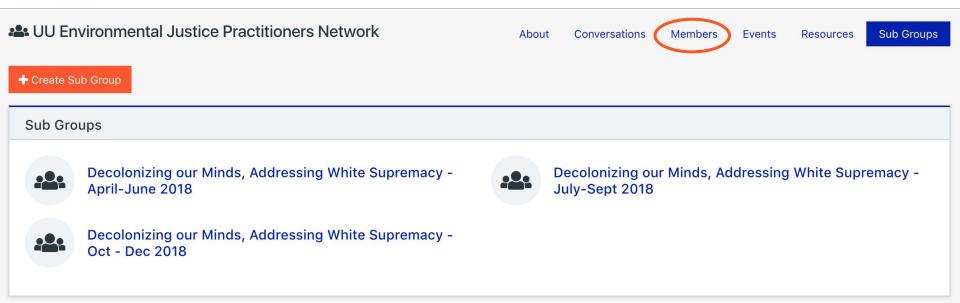
The Environmental Justice Practitioners Network is a community of practice for Unitarian Universalist environmental and climate justice leaders. On monthly webinars, we engage in reflection and education and deepen our faith grounding for environmental justice. Together we witness essential models and build skills for partnering with people in frontline communities. Guest speakers share on wide-ranging, cutting-edge environmental and climate justice topics. Launched in 2015 by the Green Sanctuary Program and developed in partnership with UU Ministry for Earth since early 2016, more than 300 UU leaders have now joined this community of practice.

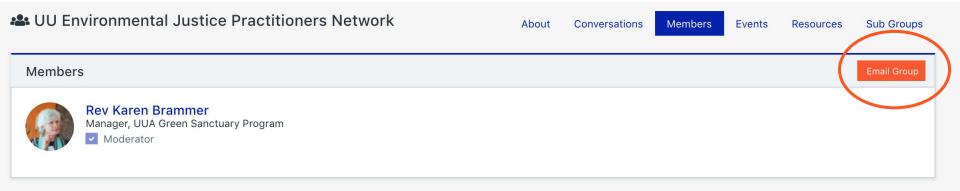
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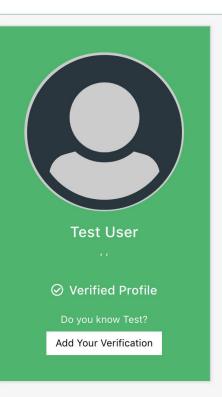
Overview		
Member Since: Mar 2018	Occupation: Program Director	
Faith Community: Wildflower UU Church		
Groups: Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth		
Interest Tags: Tag 3, Tag 2, Tag 1		

About Me

I joined UU Ministry for Earth in September of 2014, as the Network Coordinator for the UU Young Adults for Climate Justice (UUYACJ), and my role and responsibilities have been evolving ever since.

I develop and manage programming for the UU Ministry for Earth, in partnership with the UUA Green Sanctuary Program, UU- United Nations Office, UU Service Committee, UU College of Social Justice, and others.

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Testimony: I know this guy



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Examples of Site Applications:

- Congregational organizing
- Coalition organizing
- Mobilization & solidarity organizing
 - Ex: Promise to Protect NoKXL
 - Planning team for a large event
 - Disaster response coordination
- Small-group ministry covenant groups, support groups, caucuses
- Connecting before or after an in-person convergence
 - Ex: "From Sustainability to Climate Justice" at the Mountain Retreat & Learning Center, May 20-25, 2018
 - People's Climate March and Global Climate Climate Action Summit, Sept 2018

How You Can Be Involved:

- Join on May 14th!
- Volunteer as:
 - a Beta-tester / Early adopter (create a profile, join or create a group page, test out the website and provide feedback)
 - **a recruiter** (share the word, help connect a congregation, partner organization, or go big and work to get your region connected through the website)
 - a program or group leader (ex: offer to lead a chalice circle, reading group, identity group, regional group, etc)
- **Stewardship:** make a one-time or recurring donation (as an individual or user-group); support with grant writing, fundraising, etc.

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Discussion