

Faith Principles for a Green New Deal

The introduction of the Green New Deal resolution in the 116th 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.

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National/International Organizations:

Africa Faith & Justice Network	Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office
American Friends Service Committee	National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
Center on Conscience & War	Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment
Church World Service	Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity, Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth
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
Daughters of Charity Province of the West	Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
Dominicans of Sinsinawa	Sisters of Mercy of the Americas' Institute Justice Team
Dominican Sisters of Peace	Sisters of Mercy South Central Community
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill	Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur USA
Faith in Public Life	Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania OH
Franciscan Action Network	Sisters of St. Joseph
Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, US Area	Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Friends Committee on National Legislation	Sisters of the Holy Cross
GreenFaith	Sojourners
Green The Church	Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart	Union for Reform Judaism
Higher Ground Initiative	Unitarian Universalist Association
Hospital Sisters of St. Francis	Unitarian Universalist Ministry For Earth
ICCR (Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility)	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Ignatian Solidarity Network	Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
Interfaith Power & Light	Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ)
Jews of the Earth	United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology	United Methodist Women
Leadership Conference of Women Religious	Xaverian Brothers
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns	

State/Local Organizations:

Alabama Interfaith Power and Light

Alameda Interfaith Climate Action Network

Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light

Arizona Interfaith Power & Light

ARTivism Virginia

Benedictine Sisters of Erie

Buffalo Diocese Care for Creation Committee

California Interfaith Power & Light

Center for Spirituality, Action, and Transformation

Church Women United in New York State

Climate Change Task Force Sisters of Providence St Mary of the Woods IN

Dominican Sisters - Grand Rapids

Dominican Sisters in Committed Collaboration

Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose

Dominican Sisters of San Rafael

Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light

Ecological Integrity Committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Faith in Place Action Fund/IL Interfaith Power & Light

Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County

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Holy Cross Retreat Center

Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)

JPIC Department Atlantic Midwest Province School Sisters of Notre Dame

Jewish Climate Action Network - MA

Jewish Climate Action Network - NYC

Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light

Leadership Team of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Indiana

Lewinsville Faith in Action

Maryknoll Sisters Eastern Region

Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light

Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement

Mercy Ecology, Inc.

Michigan Interfaith Power & Light

Missouri Interfaith Power and Light

Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light

Moral Mondays on D.O.G. Street

North Carolina Council of Churches

North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light

New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light

New York Interfaith Power & Light

Office of Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation, Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, NY

Ohio Interfaith Power & Light

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light

Region VI Coalition for Responsible Investment

ROAR (Religious Organizations Along the River)

School Sisters of Notre Dame Atlantic-Midwest Province

Sisters of Charity of New York

Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team

Sisters of the Humility of Mary

Sisters of St. Francis Charitable Trust, Dubuque

Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, PA

Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston

Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Justice Office

Sisters of the Presentations

Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light

Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy/Texas Impact

Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network

Virginia Interfaith Power & Light

Vermont Interfaith Power & Light

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West Virginia Interfaith Power & Light

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