

A Resolution Authorizing Action on Climate Change

As members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Catskills, we affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part. We understand this to mean that we have a responsibility to care for the health of the earth and the environment. We understand that human-caused changes to the global climate are threatening the integrity of the natural world, and the ability of the earth to support life for human communities and for countless other species.

Therefore, we support efforts to slow and mitigate the effects of climate change, including:

- Development of affordable energy sources and other technologies that lessen the impact on climate change at the local, state, and federal level
- Legislation at all levels of government that sets limits on greenhouse gas emissions
- Research that allows for an ever deeper understanding of the effects of climate change and potential ways to mitigate these effects
- Communication and education of the public and government representatives regarding climate change

We also oppose actions that worsen the effects of climate change, including:

- All new fossil fuel infrastructure
- Efforts to repeal or weaken regulations which limit greenhouse gas pollution
- Efforts to repeal or weaken government support for energies and technologies with less impact on climate change
- Efforts to defund or discount quality research which allows for an ever deeper understanding of the effects of climate change and potential ways to mitigate these effects.
- Actions to restrain open communication with, and education of, the public on the science and policy of climate change and climate change mitigation.
- Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord.

To this end, in compliance with UUCC Bylaws Article IV.F, we authorize the Board of Trustees and the minister of the congregation to act on our behalf to further these commitments through any of the following means until June 30, 2021:

- Sign petitions on behalf of the congregation
- Participate or demonstrate in community events to influence public action
- Sponsor or co-sponsor events on behalf of the congregation
- Speak or testify on behalf of the congregation in public forums or legislative hearings
- Write on behalf of the congregation for public readership