



Birmingham Unitarian Church Climate Change Task Force



Two more chances to hear about the Climate Change Resolution before voting on it at the (virtual) Annual Meeting on June 14:

Thursday Night, May 21, 7:00 pm

- zoom meeting with a video and Q & A ([CLICK HERE for zoom link](#))

Wednesday, May 27, at 1:00 pm

- PHONE IN Only meeting designed especially for those who don't zoom. Phone In Number: (346) 248-7799 | Password: 177088
- To get the information packet mailed to you, contact Jane O'Neil at janeAoneil@gmail.com.

The **Climate Change Resolution Task Force** formed in the spring of 2019 because we believe that our fellow members of Birmingham Unitarian Church want to do something about the climate crisis. We have created the Resolution shown at right to help us to just that.

We conducted informational sessions throughout Winter and Spring of 2020 to educate congregants about the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act and other points of the Resolution.

Click on the box to get the video of any of these presentations.

BUC Endorsements

We are excited to share endorsements of the Resolution from several BUC members and friends

- **Marilyn Kelly:** 'I'm pleased to endorse the Climate Change Congregational Resolution. People who disbelieve the coronavirus is a lethal threat to them personally may be the same people who disbelieve fossil fuel emissions are destroying our planet. We cannot delay until the disbelievers wise up or die off either from the infection or the pollution. We need to take action now!
- **Keith Ensroth:** "While there are some obvious compromises that a strict environmentalist would probably want to "fix", I strongly suspect that it is precisely those compromises that give the bill some hope of passage."
- **Abha Dearing:** "The BUC Climate change resolution is a critical way we as individuals at BUC can band together to make an impact on the policies of our church and eventually our political leaders, and be proactive regarding actions in which we choose to participate. Climate Change is real and scary, so any small thing we each do will contribute to the greater good."
- **Dan Kosuth, Chair, Green Sanctuary Ministry:** The BUC community is being asked to adopt the "Climate Change Resolution", and I hereby endorse this action. Planet Earth, and the biological communities that form the web of life that sustains us, face a number of challenges today. Foremost among these is the existential threat of climate disruption. While the threat of the planet becoming uninhabitable exists in the future, there are real effects already taking place today: crop failures, mass migrations, super storms and year-round wildfires, disease epidemics—these are all directly or indirectly cause by climate change, and we are all both victims and perpetrators in varying degrees.

Drastic action must be taken immediately. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act promises to be an effective tool for reducing greenhouse emissions, as well as providing a pathway to economic and ecological sustainability. We at BUC must renew our commitment to our work as a Green Sanctuary, providing education on the causes and effects of climate disruption, and continuing to work toward our goal of social, economic, and ecological justice for all of Earth's communities. I recommend that our beloved community adopt this resolution, and work to promote the swift passage and implementation of the EIA and the restoration of earth, our only home.

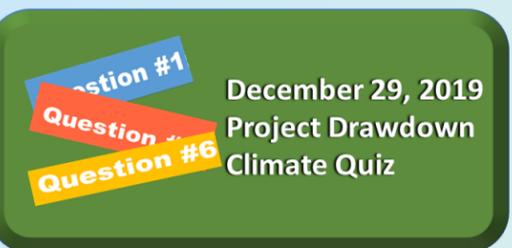


The Resolution will be put to a congregational vote at the BUC 2020 Annual Meeting.

To be adopted, the Resolution must pass by 75% of the vote.

You can hear Mary Dunn's 20 minute video on the Energy Innovation Act here.

For more information on the Energy Innovation Act [CLICK HERE.](#)



CLIMATE CHANGE RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the congregation of the Birmingham Unitarian Church (BUC) favors:

- Public policy actions to lower greenhouse gasses quickly
- Recognition that fossil fuel pollution causes far-reaching negative health consequences
- Speedy transition from use of fossil fuels to renewable energy by individuals, corporations, state and local governments
- Participation in the fast-evolving non-carbon economy.

To bring our actions into alignment with our position, BUC will:

- Endorse the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act as introduced in the 116th Congress of the United States
- Provide educational programs on
 - use of fossil fuels, their impacts, and alternative energy sources
 - environmental justice and collaboration with frontline communities
- Renew commitment to BUC's Green Sanctuary Ministry.

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