

UN COP26 – ACTION ALERT

Please join people all over the World to contact our legislators and UN COP26 in Glasgow and ask them to make bold commitments for the EARTH

Check out this 1.5 min. video: video <https://youtu.be/WBtsXlylddl>

Following the lead of Indigenous communities around the country who have been fighting many of these battles for years on their treaty lands, and in response to COP26, GreenFaith is supporting efforts to

- pressure President Biden to use his executive powers to stop or revoke pipeline permissions;
- pressure banks and financiers to stop investing in fossil fuel infrastructure and development.
- *Many of us who are not Indigenous live on lands that are not our own. We acknowledge that we live on traditional territories of First Nation peoples. I live on land of XXXX people. [[learn more here.](#)]*
- *We are reminded that we seek to live in respect, peace and right relations and we are mindful of broken covenants and promises made to and with indigenous peoples. By making a land acknowledgement we are honouring the land and Indigenous heritage which dates back over 10,000 years and continues still. Without the gifts of the earth we would perish. Let us remember that we belong to the land and to each other. Thank you.*

This Monday 10/18 we hope you will:

- Call the White House
- Write a letter to a bank
- Sign a petition.

Before we do that, we need to prepare.

Before you call and as you write your email:

- Take a few minutes to think about a personal story or how this situation relates to you. (your spiritual, physical and yes, even financial health)
- Think about what this situation means to you as a person of faith.

Reflect on:

- Health - Air quality, Asthma, COPD, etc.
- Green jobs in wind and solar
- Pollution disproportionately affects BIPOC and poor communities
- Transport is dangerous, pollutes groundwater near pipelines, pollutes natural areas, rural communities, and impacts the agriculture economy.
- Rising sea levels that would impact your town/city.

Spiritual Grounding:

- As people of faith we recognize that continued use of fossil fuels are morally wrong as we degrade the planet and destroy habitat for people and other living beings.
- As a person of faith (or member of the xxx community), I am moved by deep compassion for the vulnerable, and to care for all creation of which I believe we are a part (or responsible to care for).
- Invite leaders to dig into their own faith traditions and find the scriptures, stories and teachings that call us to care for the planet and the most vulnerable and to use that foundation as the lens for decision making.

Take Action 15 minutes

(you may wish to share your screen so people can follow along here)

- **Call President Biden**

State your name, where you live and share why you are urging President Biden to revoke the Line 3 permits

CALL PRESIDENT BIDEN:
RESPECT INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND STOP FOSSIL FUELS.

888-724-8946

Dial to connect to the White House switchboard or the Public Liaison Office.

SWIPE FOR SAMPLE SCRIPT

SAMPLE SCRIPT:

"My name is ___, I live in ___. As a person of faith, I'm calling to urge President Biden to revoke permits for oil and gas pipelines like Dakota Access and Line 3, and stop approving all new fossil fuel projects. If the President is serious about his commitment to frontline and faith communities and addressing the climate crisis, he must keep fossil fuels in the ground and invest in the communities that have borne the brunt of pollution and climate disaster."

- **Email President Biden urging him to make strong commitments at COP26. (Put the following info into the chat for people to copy:**

- - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>
 - "Dear President Biden, COP26 is a watershed moment in the history of the world. Please counsel John Kerry to truly "build back better" by paying our fair share of climate funding. As the world's largest contributor of fossil fuel pollution per capita we have a responsibility to lead the way."

- **Write to Bank of America (or another bank of your choosing--look up information you want to use ahead of time. The link below is to Bank of America) Share your story as a person of faith why continued fossil fuel financing is morally wrong. *Please make a copy of this document first before modifying!* Put the link in the chat**

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gXr9yOo6Lse4CAIjLtPkJMSAQrnwT7-TGT6IzCzOEwQ/edit?usp=sharing>

- **Sign the Build Back Fossil Free Petition:** and share it with your faith community.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/build-back-fossil-free/>