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Immigrants and Climate Change

Some of the 68 million people ripped from their homes and tossed homeless and abandoned on foreign shores are victims of “natural disasters.” Officially since World War II, they were not considered *refugees*: those must be people fleeing war or being persecuted by hostile governments. But rapid climate change has made economic migrants a majority of the world’s wanderers. This global problem calls out for global solutions which only an agency like the United Nations that can summon the world’s people to act can solve.

On Sunday October 21, Ambassador Donald T. Bliss, Permanent Representative, US Council of International Aviation Organization, Former President UN Association-USA, Washington DC Chapter, member Cedar Lane UU Church, will speak on GLOBAL WARMING and MASSIVE IMMIGRATION from a UU prospective. He asks: As the United Nations Addresses Climate Change and Rising Global Migration Levels, Where is U.S. Leadership?

“ Why should people in the United States support the World Food Program – one of the UN’s 108 relief programs- to offer succor to Sudanese, Lebanese, Congolese, or Syrian refugees? How has withdrawal from the Paris Accords and disinvestment in the Green Climate Fund harmed US business? What’s the connection between flooding in Texas, Puerto Rica’s devastation and Australia’s bleached Great Barrier Reef and why do these disasters demand worldwide cooperative action?

On UN Sunday, youth speakers will tell us why global action matters to them and our children will sing and prepare for the UNICEF collection to focus their efforts on the millions of destitute children.

You are invited to contribute to the work of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Organization. UUUNO is our voice at the United Nations. Despite negativity, it has held on to the Paris Accords with those US governors, mayors and business executives who joined together in a Global Climate Action Summit to keep our country pushing for green goals. Come meet and greet our speaker who is knowledgeable and involved in this “quasi-religious conversion” to move society to action.