

CLIMATE STRIKE **SEPT 20**

Global Climate Strike • Friday, September 20, 2019

A global climate strike is set for Friday, September 20, 2019, to coincide with the United Nations meeting on climate in New York City. Other events will happen around the planet throughout the week. This information will help Unitarian Universalists learn how to plug into these events.

Information for Strikers

If you are planning to strike on the 20th, there are two ways to do that. The simplest is to tell your employer what you are doing and why and put in for a day off. Register on the global page (globalclimatestrike.net/#join), and make your intentions known via social media using the hashtag #climatestrike. If you are in a workplace that might be open to this idea, you may also want to organize your employer and co-workers to strike with you. Here is a clear outline: globalclimatestrike.net/organise#workplace. If you are striking alone, you can join a local action to make your choice visible. If there aren't any actions, you might want to spend the day tending a garden, reading up on alternative economic systems, or otherwise helping to move us all toward a more sustainable future.

Information for Retired, Self-Employed, and Unemployed People

If you are not currently in a situation where "walking out" makes sense, you can still register your intention to strike, make yourself visible through social media, refuse to engage in actions that are leading to our shared destruction (consumerism, unnecessary travel, etc.), and/or join people in your community who are gathering in protest. Because these strikes started as student walkouts, it's likely there will be a strike at your local high school. Students have been very receptive to adults showing up to cheer them on.

Another Way to Help

The key to making this strike as successful as it needs to be is getting huge numbers of people on board. We're talking about millions of people around the world. As UUs, we have about 150,000 people we can access and convince if we put our minds to it. With even less time than we have now, we got 1% of our denomination to show up in NYC for the People's Climate March in 2014. We are confident we can make a significant impact for this

far more localized event. To do that, we need everyone reading this document to commit to the effort. Here are things you can do to help:

- Ask your minister to preach on this September 15 and call the congregation to strike. Materials for this service are available. (Contact Rev. Peggy Clarke: pclarke@ccny.org)
- Ask your minister to strike. Some churches are planning a lay-led service on the 22nd so the minister and all the staff can walk out on the 20th. (In other words, if they don't have to plan for the Sunday, they can walk out with low impact.)
- Organize your congregation to have a vigil that evening or afternoon. Try partnering with other houses of worship.
- Post and Tweet about the strike using #climatestrike.
- The UUA and UU faith leaders will be putting out plenty of content that can be shared. Follow our climate leaders on social media and help keep the message alive and moving.

If you are willing to create content to help get this message out, please list your information here. If you are willing to keep this information moving, please follow and repost/tweet from these people.

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If you want to help in more significant ways or have additional information, contact Rev. Peggy Clarke at pclarke@ccny.org.