



SAVE OUR FUTURE

Beloved Earth Community of Riverside Church

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To Lessen the Onslaught of CLIMATE CATASTOPHE, Join these Organizations.

This month we are talking about groups involved in Climate Action in the hope that members of Riverside Church will join one or more of them. Here are a few examples with a specific note on the Climate Reality Group which is one of the largest (Also see report, p.2 on their training in May).

THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

Former US Vice President Al Gore founded The Climate Reality Project to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every sector of society.

They recruit, train, and mobilize people of all walks of life to work for just climate solutions that speed energy transition worldwide and open the door to a better tomorrow for us all. The membership is currently around 3,500,000 worldwide.

Today, Climate Reality is a diverse group of passionate individuals who've come together to tackle the greatest challenge of our time. We are advocates, cultural leaders, organizers, scientists, and storytellers from around the world, committed to building a sustainable future together.

The vision is for a swift, systemic, and just transition toward net zero emissions by the middle of this century, with major steps toward that goal.

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BEC VISITS NYC'S POP-UP CLIMATE MUSEUM , THE FIRST IN THE US DEDICATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Beloved Earth Community is greatly concerned about climate change, the climate crisis and care for the Earth through educational programs, modeling changes to our lifestyles, the greening of the church and advocating for local and national policies. An April visit to the Climate Museum offered BEC members insights on the origins of the climate crisis, as well as tools to stop and reverse the growing threat to all life, toward preserving the Earth for future generations.

BEC participants noted how the Museum uses the power of arts and climate change to educate and unite people. A mural grounds the entire exhibition, progressing from black and white, showing the evolution of the crisis, then transitioning into vibrant colors to show action, optimism, hope and resolve.

As it welcomes people of all ages, the Museum provides an effective space for climate crisis education, dialogue, inspiration and activities. Visitors can make suggestions and write their resolutions on the climate crisis and post them on colorful stickers on huge notice boards. Tom Goodhue noted how "the Museum brings together scientific knowledge, activism, and the skill of visual artists [in displays that] brilliantly convey lots of information succinctly and remind us not only to urge politicians to act for climate justice but also to thank them when they do."

The impact on its visitors of the Museum and its Exhibits is obvious: As BEC member Milly Akinsulure pointed out, "One leaves with an understanding of the implications of the climate crisis, a sense of empowerment, inspiration for change, hope, and a strong resolve to act for a better and safer world for future generation."

The Museum is seeking a permanent year around location. See <https://climatemuseum.org/>

CLIMATE ACTION GROUPS, CONT.

David King attended the April NYC training focused on promoting climate solutions needed to save our world
<https://www.climaterealityproject.org>.

OTHER GROUPS OF INTEREST

THIRD ACT

Formed by Bill McKibben, a long-time climate activist, and is aimed at the older members of society.
<https://thirdact.org/>

GREENFAITH

A world-wide climate activism group of people of all faiths. Riverside Church is already partnering with them on various projects.
<https://greenfaith.org/>

NY RENEWS

NY Renews is a coalition of over 380 environmental, justice, faith, labor and community groups and the force behind the nation's most progressive climate law. NY Renews is at
<https://www.nyrenews.org/>

WE ACT

Based in Harlem, an excellent place to get started, this diverse organization empowers and organizes low-income people of color, and works on many city-wide issues with which TRC is also engaged, to build healthy communities for all
<https://www.weact.org/>

LOOK CLOSELY AT EACH OF THESE GROUPS AND JOIN ONE MOST LINKED TO YOUR IDEAS.



We call on Riversiders to protest the climate crisis and care for the Earth through educational programs, greening the church, changing our lifestyles, and courageous political actions. For more information, or to join, contact David King <davidking1089@gmail.com> or Claudia Canasto <canastoclachi@gmail.com>



AL GORE'S CLIMATE REALITY GROUP, 3000 STRONG, HOSTS TRAINING

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's 55th Climate Reality Leadership Corps training drew nearly 3,000 attendees to the Jacob Javits Center across a two-day summit designed for climate activists and the climate curious from April 12-14.

Participants joined from across the mid-Atlantic, the northeast, and other parts of the world, all convening to discuss the devastating effects of fossil fuel polluters and the lack of supportive climate financing to protect the environment. Speakers addressed such issues as climate justice, advances in environmental policy and clean energy, and the various grassroots groups who've helped foster resilient communities.

Through breakout sessions; panel discussions with podcasters, scientists, government officials, activists, actors, and comedians; and networking opportunities, attendees learned from experts and each other about ways to protect and regenerate a healthy planet.

LOOKING FOR HOPE?

Click [here](#) or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oW8yyToMbxw>

To see the UCC Earth Day Summit with Bill McKibben and three award-winning local activists who achieved a victory against one of the world's largest producer of plastics, Formosa Plastics.

RECIPES for a HEALTHY PLANET

Here's an interesting and nutritional vegetable broth.
<https://www.eatingbyelaine.com/no-waste-vegetable-broth-pressure-cooker-or-stovetop/>

And, for a fascinating look at how our eating habits are leading to massive extinctions of other earth creatures and plants. look at this summary on YouTube: https://youtu.be/KcJyXjs65rE?si=o_gqyxZFRH80s5l

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- The next Beloved Earth Meeting: July 13, at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. Watch for details.
- To view this S.O.F. online, visit www.trcnyc.org/belovedearthnewsletter

