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Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit

Environmental Policy

Whereas current human practices are pushing Earth's essential life-sustaining systems beyond their limits, creating an emergency threatening all living things, including humankind;

Whereas the interdependent web of life is endangered by catastrophes that threaten both us and our descendants with mass suffering;

Whereas environmental degradation and climate change are fundamentally moral crises that can and must be addressed by modifying human activity to restore and maintain a flourishing world;

Whereas many effective means to limit climate change and mitigate environmental degradation exist and more are being developed;

Whereas personal, public, and political will are urgently required to implement mitigating strategies now and into the future;

Whereas looming environmental catastrophes disproportionately impact the poor and vulnerable; and

Whereas we are in solidarity with communities who have been repeatedly impacted by a wide range of environmental assaults and we seek justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit will

1. continually review and improve the environmental practices at Beacon and encourage members to do so in their homes in order to reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions;
2. educate ourselves about the environmental practices of our own communities and work to improve them;
3. advocate including marginalized communities in environmental decision-making, giving them priority in remediation efforts, and avoiding increase to their environmental burden;
4. investigate potential solutions to environmental problems and support laws and policies that promote those solutions;
5. examine and challenge economic and social structures that sustain and exacerbate environmental crises;
6. participate in acts of protest and public witness to redirect government, business, and society toward environmental responsibility; and

7. partner with faith-based, civic, environmental and other non-partisan groups when they are engaged in efforts consistent with this resolution.

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