

# Community Engagement (AKA: Love-In-Action) Resource Tool: Climate Change & Climate Justice



## 1) To Read/See:

What is “climate justice”? What does climate have to do with race or class?

- a) “Research shows that ... low-income and communities of color are first and worst hit by climate change and its impacts. **In Washington, 46 percent of all toxic sites are in areas mostly populated by people of color, while 56 percent are in largely low-income areas.** These communities experience the harms of pollution and climate change, including extreme weather events, contaminated drinking water and waterways, poor air quality and unhealthy housing.” **The Seattle Foundation**
- b) “6 Times Climate Change Was a Climate Justice Issue”: <https://www.benjerry.com/whats-new/2017/06/climate-justice>

## 2) To Do/Go:

- a) **Faith Action Network** is supporting, among many bills, **SB5412** “Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels.”. Its companion, HB1110, was passed 52/44 in the House. You might ask your senator to support the bill or thank them if they co-sponsored it. Find it here: [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov) (click on “bill information” and type the bill number). Legislative Hotline: 1-800-562-6000; TTY for Hearing Impaired 800-833-6388
  - b) **Take action with 350Seattle** (sign petitions, make phone calls and more): <https://350seattle.org/right-now/> or **Front and Centered** (subscribe, lobby) <https://frontandcentered.org>
  - c) **Donate to or fundraise in support of Indigenous Tribes’** efforts to stop environmentally devastating projects:
    - i) **Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota Sioux** <http://www.oglalalakotanation.info/>,
    - ii) **Wet-Suwet-En** people whose lands are within modern-day Canada <http://unistoten.camp/supportertoolkit2020/>, and
    - iii) **Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish and Coldwater** people also of what is now Canada: <https://pull-together.ca/>
  - d) **Volunteer for Clean Green Farm**, a local, Black-led healthy food effort, launched by the Rev. Robert Jeffrey, Executive Director of Black Dollar Days Taskforce and Pastor of **New Hope Baptist Church**. It’s more about Food Justice than directly about Climate Justice but it protects 23 acres from development. And it is a way to use food and the production of food to collectively repair historical and current agriculture-related injustice. Go to: [www.cleangreensfarm.net](http://www.cleangreensfarm.net)
- 3) **To Pray:** God, we pray for the waters, the air, and the earth. Help us to end the exploitation of the earth’s finite resources and to make the planet safe for all your creatures, especially those most harmed by our selfishness.

Contact Information for ALL Your Elected Officials (“They Represent You” from the League of Women Voters of Seattle), Google “TRY\_web.pdf” or:  
[https://www.seattlelwv.org/uploads/1/1/7/8/117877553/try\\_web.pdf](https://www.seattlelwv.org/uploads/1/1/7/8/117877553/try_web.pdf)

The Washington State Legislative Hotline (the toll free, easy way to contact your state legislators even if you don’t know their names): 1-800-562-6000; TTY for Hearing Impaired 800-833-6388

Church Council of Greater Seattle: 206-525-1213; [www.churchcouncil.org](http://www.churchcouncil.org)

Faith Action Network: 206-625-9790; <http://fanwa.org/contact/>

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