

# TOP 12 THINGS TO DO ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT



Top 12	Individual	Faith Community	Government	Agencies and Organizations	Websites
#1	Be a role model.	Practice what you preach.	Lead the world with high standards.	United Methodist Church	UMC.org
Facilitate	Become a commissioned UM EarthKeeper.	Relate scriptures/teachings to guidance.	Assist other countries which need help.	UM Global Ministries Creation Care	creationcare.umcmmission.org
#2	Register to VOTE! Get ballot! VOTE!	Encourage members to register & vote.	Provide mail-in ballots for all.	United Women in Faith	UWFaith.org
Motivate	Encourage others to register and vote.	Assist vulnerable people in registering.	Reduce purging of voter rolls.	UM Communications	umcom.org
	Check records and actions of candidates.	Encourage 17-year-olds to register to vote.	Reduce limits on early/absentee voting.	UM Young People's Ministries	umcyoungpeople.org
	Sign petitions for environmental laws.	Have members remind others to vote.	Reduce voting procedure disinformation.	League of Conservation Voters	lcv.org
	Be informed about ballot initiatives.	Point out morality choices in initiatives.	Reduce identification requirements.	Interfaith Power & Light	interfaithpowerandlight.org
#3	Become an expert and stay informed.	Have a creation justice movement team guide members to support solutions.	Create policies based on science.	UM Creation Justice Movement	umcreationjustice.org
Educate	Set aside time each week to read/watch.	Refrain from sharing misinformation.	Appoint truth-seeking leaders.	United Women in Faith World Centric	UWFaith.org worldcentric.com
	Fact check potentially significant claims.	Include children & youth in discussions.	Allocate \$ to retrain fossil fuel personnel.	Gen. Board of Higher Education and Ministry Discipleship Ministries	gbhem.org umcdiscipleship.org
	Ensure climate facts are taught to children.	Buy latest "TBWSG" for members to borrow.	Enact K-12 climate justice curriculum.	The Better World Shopping Guide	betterworldshopper.org
	Use "The Better World Shopping Guide."	Discuss w/others in person & via webinars.	Appoint qualified scientists to lead.	UM Gen. Board of Church & Society	gbcs@umcjustice.org
#4	Engage in conversations. Listen!	Guide with creation justice movement team.	Seek information from many scientists.	Environmental Protection Agency	epa.gov
Advocate	Advocate for creation justice policies.	Support and implement creation justice plans.	Make sure the E.P.A. protects!	National Resource Defense Council	nrdc.org
	Join creation justice movement team(s).		Support frontline communities with action.		
#5	Switch bank accounts to local credit unions.	Save money in local credit union accounts.	Raise taxes on the fossil fuel industry and stop bailing them out.	Wespath Benefits/Investments for UM	Wespath.org
Reallocate	Learn what banks/stocks/funds support.	Know what savings accounts are supporting!	Promote renewable energy projects.	UM Gen. Council on Finance & Admin.	gcfa.org
	Divest from fossil fuel investors.	Divest from fossil fuel investors.	Provide subsidies for research into lowering greenhouse gas emissions.	Faith Foundation Northwest	faith.foundation
	Invest in renewable energy sources.	Strategize to invest socially responsibly.		Stop the Money Pipeline	stopthemoneypipeline.com
	Share a tithe with your faith community.	Promote & give to creation justice projects.		Interfaith Ctr. on Corp. Responsibility	iccr.org
#6	Decrease methane emissions. Carpool.	Arrange carpooling to faith events.	Neutralize carbon emissions from fossil gas, oil, and coal from heating buildings and for transportation AND methane emissions from leaks and from livestock (especially corn-fed cattle). Expand tree canopy.	Charge Hub (EV Charging Stations)	chargehub.com
Detoxicate	Install electric heat pump & solar panels.	Install electric heat pump & solar panels.		NASA Global Climate Change Ecosia	climate.nasa.gov ecosia.org
	Buy an electric vehicle. Avoid cruise ships.	Use/wash dishes at indoor events.		The Nature Conservancy WeRenew	nature.org werenew.net
	Fly and drive less. Bike and walk more.	Use compostables at outdoor events.		American Horticulture Society	ahsgardening.org
	Eat less meat/dairy. Prevent food waste.	Have a meatless potluck. Share recipes.		World Wildlife Fund	worldwildlife.org
	Avoid styrofoam and buying single-use plastics.	Avoid styrofoam and plastics, if at all possible.	Give solar panel installation credits.	The Wilderness Society Greenpeace	wilderness.org greenpeace.org
#7	Discover & reduce your carbon footprint.	Find out faith community's footprint.	Implement a carbon tax.	Carbon Footprint Calculator	carbonfootprint.com
Anticipate	Cold water wash & line dry clothes.	Reduce heat; turn off lights; unplug all.	Pass 100% renewable energy laws.	Earthjustice Recompose	earthjustice.org recompose.life
	Grow own or buy/eat local food in season.	Make sure your facility is well-insulated.	Put a cap on carbon emissions.	National Parks Conservation Assoc.	npca.org
	Use biochar to stably store carbon in soil.	Implement carbon removal technologies.	Incentivize companies to donate excess food to food banks; reduce food waste.	Gen. Comm. on Status/Role of Women	GCSRW.org
	Contribute to offset carbon emissions.	Plant a community garden & native trees.		Commission on Archives and History	gcah.org
#8	Practice the 5 R's: Reduce, reuse, repurpose, repair, and recycle.	Teach stewardship, not consumerism.	Give incentives to recycle & compost.	The General Commission on UM Men	gcumm.org
Accentuate	Stop wish-cycling. Dispose of used oil, mercury-containing light bulbs, old refrigerators, and batteries properly.	Teach members about recycling/composting.	Encourage people to donate items rather than to just throw them away.	Goodwill Industries International	goodwill.org
		Get blue bin for recycling and green bin for composting (vegetation, shredded non-waterproof paper, food scraps).	Promote items with ENERGY STAR label.	World Health Organization	who.int
			Ban single-use plastics and plastic bags.	ENERGY STAR Waterkeeper Alliance	energystar.gov waterkeeper.org
#9	Save the butterflies/bees! Don't use Round-Up or other glyphosate-containing pesticides.	Make sure any lawn service company providing maintenance on your grounds is using organic treatments.	Pass laws forbidding the use of glyphosate-containing pesticides and other harmful chemicals.	Friends of the Earth Sierra Club	foe.org sierraclub.org
Eliminate	Plant native trees, grasses, & wildflowers.			US Public Interest Research Group	uspig.org
				Environmental Working Group	ewg.org
#10	Meditate and pray daily to sustain the struggle to address creation justice.	Use creation justice liturgy & prayers.	Pursue creation justice daily.	United Methodist Council of Bishops	unitedmethodistbishops.org
Contemplate		Encourage others with words and actions.	Seek truth. Think of future generations.	Defenders of Wildlife ecoAmerica	defenders.org ecoAmerica.org
#11	Watch a sunrise or sunset. Count stars.	Plan outdoor worship services.	Preserve natural lands, water, & parks.	UM Camp & Retreat Ministries Assoc.	umcrm.org
Rejuvenate	Walk, hike, or bicycle on a nature trail.	Hike together, yet spaced. Leave no trace.	Do not open up public lands to industry.	National Park Foundation	nationalparks.org
#12	Make your voice heard! Go out into the streets and share your enthusiasm!	Advocate for our natural world.	Listen to many scientists!	Third Act 350.org	thirdact.org. 350.org
Activate		Participate in Earth Day and other events.	Pay attention to the climate activists!	Sunrise Movement	sunrisemovement.org