

TOP 12 THINGS TO DO ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

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