



Ideas for the Parish: How to Prepare for Climate Revival

Climate Revival is an ecumenical gathering to celebrate the beauty of God's Creation while mourning the climate changes which we face. Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori and UCC President Geoffrey Black will both preach at the Copley Square (Boston) Revival which begins at UCC's Old South and concludes at Trinity Episcopal Church. The day will be filled with prayers, music, and preaching for all who are concerned about the future of the earth. All are welcome at this inspirational day of hope and faith.

Leading up to Climate Revival is an opportunity for parishes and individuals to reflect and work in response to climate change. Here are a few ideas to consider (with the understanding that only a few may be pursued):

- Parish book group read "Eaarth" by Bill McKibben, "Conundrum" by David Owen, "Requiem for a Species" by Clive Hamilton or some other climate-change related book.
- Hold a parish information session about fossil fuel divestment and talk about the parish's role in the fossil fuel divestment movement.
- Talk about ideas for expanding the thanksgivings portion of Prayers of the People to include basic necessities from the earth such as "abundant food", "clean water", "plentiful energy", "diverse ecosystem."
- Identify conservation measures the parish can take to conserve energy. For example, new practices and behaviors to reduce energy use at parish facilities.
- Strengthen food or meals programs to be able to feed members of the community even if food prices rise.
- Work together to advocate for the planet by participating in environmental activism.
- Start a communication program to inform members of the parish of things they can do at home to reduce their carbon footprint and energy bill.
- Start a planting program to renew parish or community gardens.
- Consider taking advantage of electricity choices offered by your electric utility and alternative providers to switch to a greener source of energy for the parish and for your homes.
- As a group, develop a discipline of "a reading a day and a deed a day" to build awareness and take action on climate change.
- Get a free energy audit of the parish (<http://heet.drupalgardens.com/>) and hold a parish work party to reduce parish energy consumption

For more information about the ideas above, or to share new ideas, please visit <http://www.facebook.com/events/112846658873458/>.