

## Earth Pledge Suggestions

<b>Climate/Earth Pledge</b> The solutions listed below are evidence-based and are promoted by leading climate action and environmental justice groups.	<b>Individual/Household Level Actions</b>	<b>Faith Community Level</b>	<b>Organizing/Policy and Legislative Advocacy</b>	<b>Information and Resources</b>
<b>Promote Discussion and Education.</b> Engage friends and relatives in climate conversations. Polls and studies have shown that folks who talk about climate are more likely to support solutions.	Host table talks with friends and family.  Sign Up for Climate Justice Working Group notices and action alerts.	Participate in or lead climate justice learning events.		<a href="https://www.epa.gov/climatechange/individuals-families">Climate.gov</a>
<b>Reduce Food Waste.</b> 40% of food produced in the U.S. is wasted. Food waste is responsible for 10% of green house gas emissions.	Create weekly meal plan and buy only what you need; Support groceries and food establishments committed to reducing food waste e.g., <a href="#">Imperfect Foods</a> ; Volunteer with food rescue groups.			<a href="#">Food: Too Good to Waste</a>
<b>Adopt Plant-Rich Diets.</b> Animal agriculture is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions. Favoring plant-based foods reduces demand, thereby reducing land clearing, fertilizer use and greenhouse gas emissions.	Reduce/eliminate consumption of meat and dairy; Go vegan; Grow, buy, and eat locally and seasonally; Join a CSA.	Serve vegetarian or vegan meals at church events.		<a href="#">Tilth Alliance</a>
<b>Transform Transportation.</b> Transportation is the 4th largest source of green house gas emissions, comprising 14% of emissions globally. Enhance efficiency of current modes (Cars, Planes); Shift to Alternatives (public transit, bicycles, walkable cities, tele-presence).	Walk, bike and/or use public transit Carpool. Switch to an electric vehicle (EV). Fly less.	Install EV charging station(s) in church garage; Install additional bike racks.	Support walkable/bikeable cities, public transit initiatives and legislation.	<a href="#">Transportation Choices</a>

<b>Adopt and Support Renewable Sources of Energy</b>	Calculate and reduce your household carbon footprint; Install solar panels, heat pumps and electric appliances at your home.	Transition to a carbon-free 1st Church.	Support clean energy programs and legislation.	<a href="#">Climate Solutions 350 Seattle</a> <a href="#">350WA Civic Action Team</a> <a href="#">Earth Ministry</a>
<b>End Production and Use of Fossil Fuels.</b> The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has found that emissions from fossil fuels are the dominant cause of global warming. In 2018, 89% of global CO2 emissions came from fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas) and industry.	Switch to fossil-free investments Use your customer power to get your bank/investment funds to divest from fossil fuels.	Divest from banks and investment funds involved with fossil fuels.	Join a protest or direct action on funders of fossil fuels.	<a href="#">Stop the Money Pipeline 350 Seattle</a>
<b>Buildings? Increase efficiency and shift to renewable energy sources.</b> Buildings account for 6% of greenhouse gas emissions.	Do a carbon audit on your home. Take steps to decarbonize it.	Support the transition to a carbon-free church building; Switch to electric HVAC, hot water, and appliances.		<a href="#">Ecological Footprint calculator</a>
<b>Cut Consumer Consumption and Waste.</b>	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Avoid "fast fashion"; Achieve Zero waste.	Use durable plates and utensils at events; Organize a church-wide "buy nothing day".	Take action to support plastic bans and other legislative measures for a waste-free world.	<a href="#">Zero Waste Washington</a> <a href="#">Better World Shopper</a>
<b>Other</b>				