

Blacksburg, VA
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UUC Electronic Resources on Climate Change & Environmental Justice Annotated List

1. **{“Population Connection”}** Pauletta Copenhaver suggested (email to SG June 20, 2017) a publication called “Population Connection.” Link to this is:
<http://www.populationconnection.org/>
2. **{UUSC and UUA Environmental Justice websites}**
 - Unitarian Universalist Service Committee website:
<http://www.uusc.org/campaign/environmental-justice/>
 - Unitarian Universalist Association website: <http://www.uua.org/environment>
3. **{UUA Climate Action Team (CAT) Program website}** From Lisa Evanylo (email July 6, 2017), see the Unitarian Universalist Climate Action Team (CAT) Program website:
<https://www.uua.org/environment/climate/un/getinvolved/cat>
4. **{Washington Post article July 6, 2017}** From Karen Hager (email July 6, 2017):
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/06/29/these-experts-say-we-have-until-2020-to-get-climate-change-under-control-and-theyre-the-optimists/?utm_term=.003937e72ca8
5. **{Southern Region newsletter article on Green Sanctuary accreditation}** Karen Hager (email July 6 2017) suggests:

You may have seen an article on a Green Sanctuary today in the Southern Region newsletter. I've copied it below, if you don't get the newsletter. Just wanted to pass along that I have received suggestions over the past couple of years for UUC to renew its Green Sanctuary accreditation. Thought it might be possible that would fit in with this group's efforts. No plan at this point to pursue this, as it needs a champion; just passing on the info.

Green Sanctuary accreditation is focused on starting congregations on a path to build UU impact inside and beyond our walls. Congregations are encouraged to join initiatives like **Commit2Respond** and **Climate Action Teams** leveraging for climate and environmental justice. Use the Green Sanctuary process as a tool for building a climate justice movement. Congregations will act with love and justice to heal the earth, support front-line communities to protect people and the web of life, and take courageous action in order to fight against environmental injustices and for a more sustainable way of life. Green Sanctuary aims to re-imagine the program while keeping the accreditation process intact, offering a simpler re-accreditation for congregations that have remained active post-accreditation. By fall 2017, we hope to launch a searchable database of congregational projects, and launch congregational on-line reporting in 2018. To learn more about the program, [visit our website](#).

6. **{Virginia Interfaith Center for public policy}** See their website: <http://www.virginiainterfaith-center.org/> . They do not currently have any particular emphasis on environmental justice listed, however.
7. **{Oxfam Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Resources}** This is a pdf file sent as an attachment by Don Rollins (email June 22, 2017), which I located on the web at:

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/oxpp/oppafl/2009/00000009/00000007/art00001?crawler=true>

Searching on this topic in Google yields numerous case studies, etc., such as:

http://www.preventionweb.net/files/11376_thaicasestudyengyasothorn1.pdf

8. **{UU Ministry for Earth “Commit2Respond” }** This link relates to the UUA General Assembly’s “Commit 2Respond” program and all related matters on Climate Justice: <http://www.uuministryforearth.org/> . Here you can find about important dates, volunteer, and subscribe to the eNEWS newsletter.

More links to UU Ministry for Earth:

http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/uumfe/1106_2088_handout.pdf
http://www.uuministryforearth.org/about_uumfe

9. **{“Green Sanctuary”}** Material from Blacksburg UUC Green Sanctuary certification. (Available from R. Ashley at ashleyr@vt.edu on request.) For a plethora of UUA documents/websites on this topic, it is best to simply google “uua green sanctuary”.

- Application (“Final Green Sanctuary Application for Accreditation.pdf”)
- Earth Day 2012 document (April 22, 2012, “EARTH DAY 2.pdf”)
- Certification letter (November 12, 2012, “VI GS Cert letter.pdf”)
- UUA Green Sanctuary website <http://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary>
- UUA Green Sanctuary re-certification website <http://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary/reaccreditation>

10. **{National Geographic videos}**

- “Years of Living Dangerously” (Season 2 Episode 1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk8izVrznFk>
- “Before the Flood” <https://archive.org/details/youtube-90CkXVF-Q8M>

11. **{The Nature Conservancy}** Their webpage on “Climate Change Threats and Solutions”:

- <https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/urgentissues/global-warming-climate-change/threats-solutions/index.htm>

12. **{ReNewtheNew}** Website for cleaning up the New river: <http://renewthenew.org/>
13. **{The Appalachian Voice}** Regional environmental organization/newsletter <http://appvoices.org/frontporchblog/>
14. **{ProPublica}** Article reviewing Radford Army Ammunition Plant pollution and health hazards. <https://www.propublica.org/article/military-pollution-open-burns-radford-virginia>
15. **{Yale University Program on Climate Change Communication}**

This is a comprehensive website on Yale University's Program on Climate Change Communication, at <http://climatecommunication.yale.edu/>, describing itself as follows: "We conduct scientific research on public climate change knowledge, attitudes, policy preferences, and behavior, and the underlying psychological, cultural, and political factors that influence them. We also engage the public in climate change science and solutions, in partnership with governments, media organizations, companies, and civil society, and with a daily, national radio program, Yale Climate Connections.

16. **{Virginia Interfaith Power & Light}** Inter-faith group supporting sustainable living. <http://vaip.org/>
17. **{The Roanoke Times}** Contributed articles and/or editorials (Note: Titles have sometimes been changed from the printed article.)
 - http://www.roanoke.com/news/politics/corey-stewart-in-roanoke-critical-of-gov-terry-mcauliffe-s/article_02f57acf-73e3-5b12-986d-83f41c74791b.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-why-trump-can-t-save-coal/article_b2ecf13d-78ed-5bff-9f2e-6e2270331af4.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/letters/southard-thanks-to-mcauliffe-for-climate-action/article_c384f803-66e3-5ff8-b96b-24c200a279d7.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/nash-virginia-s-heat-climbs-while-its-leaders- nap/article_7b46678c-f847-5eb5-ab55-18f0675fd2ae.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/thompson-why-climate-change-is-a-national-security-issue/article_516ebbb6-0371-53ed-8dde-82e595bee328.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/wilcox-a-delicate-relationship-politics-and-science/article_498f367e-2a81-528b-b3d4-704dbab2e0f4.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/news/wire_headlines/study-pollution-kills-million-a-year-costs-trillion/article_3ad2d313-667a-5c57-9295-eab762e9ed8a.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/blacksburg/water-treatment-plant-for-blacksburg-tech-christiansburg-to-be-expanded/article_7e89a24d-d06c-5459-a5b8-177836ae8ec7.html
 - http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/coppa-and-mans-it-s-time-to-price-carbon/article_6a75bdc2-97e4-59bb-8177-c6f0ebdf5def.html
 - {Progress in energy efficiency; added July 1, 2018} https://www.roanoke.com/opinion/commentary/andolph-energy-efficiency-is-the-key-pathway-to-clean-energy/article_04829797-99a9-52bc-89a5-d6f276b11cfc.html

18. **{The News Messenger}** Contributed articles and/or editorials

- <https://montcova.com/top-stories/blacksburg-town-council-calls-on-raap-to-address-environmental-impacts-both-call-for-greater-communication/>

19. **{VT Lifelong Learning Institute}** The Institute offerings (aimed at those 50+ years old) usually include several courses related to climate change and/or environmental issues. E.g., in Fall 2017 there is a course on electrically-powered automobiles, another on honey bees, another on utilizing native plants in gardening/landscaping, and another (in an ongoing series on “global change”) dealing with several environment-related issues. See <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning/> for details and/or to be added to their e-mail list.

20. **{Citizen’s Climate Lobby}** Promotes “Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy”, which is a bipartisan proposal for taxing carbon at the source and rebating the tax receipts at the national level. See the website for their national organization (<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>) for details on this proposal and with regard to their caucus in Congress; and see their Blacksburg chapter (<https://www.facebook.com/CCLBlacksburg/> or email: Katie Little (kathryn.little8@gmail.com) for information on how to participate in this endeavor locally.

21. **{Sustainable Blacksburg}** See their website (<http://sustainableblacksburgva.org/>) and consult the website for Sustainability Week 2017 (<http://sustainableblacksburgva.org/events/sustainability-week-2017/>) which runs from September 16-24.

22. **{Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights (POWHR) Coalition}** This is “is an interstate coalition representing individuals and groups from counties in Virginia and West Virginia dedicated to protecting the water, local ecology, heritage, land rights, human rights of individuals, communities and regions from harms caused by the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure.” See their website (<https://powhr.org/>) for more details about how they are opposing interstate oil/gas pipelines in general (and the Mountain Valley Pipeline in particular). There you can find links to local (county-level) groups, e.g., <http://www.preservemontgomerycountyva.org/> and <http://preservethenrv.com/>.

23. **{350.org}** This is a grassroots organization promoting replacement of fossil fuels with renewable energy sources. See their website at <https://350.org/>.

24. **{Resources on Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint}**

<https://www.nytimes.com/guides/year-of-living-better/how-to-reduce-your-carbon-footprint>
(A subscription to the New York Times required in order to download this.)

<https://www.amazon.com/Reduce-Your-Carbon-Footprint-Greenhouse-ebook/dp/B00VMZVIL2>

<https://www.amazon.com/How-Reduce-Your-Carbon-Footprint/dp/B0030ILWME>

Or google “How to reduce your carbon footprint” for more choices.

25. **{Solar United Neighbors -- Solar Energy Co-op}** This non-profit organization organizes local co-ops to facilitate solar power installations by groups of households and organization. It is also a political advocacy group for same.

<https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/virginia/>

26. **{Repairers of the Breach}** This is an ecumenical ministry in Raleigh, North Carolina led by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II – a former associate of Dr. Martin Luther King -- whose primary focus is on poverty, but which has lately begun focusing its efforts on the economic justice aspect of climate change. They sponsor a livestream event on the web/facebook called “The Gathering.” See their website <http://www.breachrepairers.org/> for more information.

27. **{Climate Change Bookshelf}**

- *Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet* by Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope <https://www.climateofhope.com/>
<https://us.macmillan.com/climateofhope/michaelbloomberg/9781250142078/>
<http://www.npr.org/2017/04/26/525675189/michael-bloomberg-and-carl-pope-on-climate-of-hope>

28. **{Climate Change & Environmental Justice Team meeting minutes}** Team meeting minutes are available (in pdf format) for Team meetings on:

- June 9, 2017
- June 15, 2017
- June 22, 2017
- June 29, 2017
- August 31, 2017