

#2. 23rd June...CLIMATE EMERGENCY!

House of Commons declares a climate emergency (June 17th) for more info...

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/climate-emergency-motion-1.5179802>

The House of Commons has passed a non-binding **motion to declare a national climate emergency in Canada**, kicking off a week that will test the Liberals' promise to balance environmental protection with economic development.

The motion, put forward **by Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna**, calls on the House to recognize that "**climate change is a real and urgent crisis, driven by human activity**" and to "**declare that Canada is in a national climate emergency which requires, as a response, that Canada commit to meeting its national emissions target under the Paris Agreement and to making deeper reductions in line with the Agreement's objective of holding global warming below two degrees Celsius and pursuing efforts to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius.**"

Congregational Support & Action...Thank you to all of you that signed **your agreement with devoting more time (up to 20%) of the Worship Services to CLIMATE CHANGE**. Also thank you to those who signed up **to be more engaged in working with existing on to be developed groups in RHUC and the Community**. If you would like to add your name and email to these two Sign-up" sheets, please contact terry.t.davies@gmail.com

What can we do on a Personal and Church Level

Inform everyone through all sources that we recognize the Climate Crisis as an emergency and that we are instituting the following actions in response:

A. Education: Making available written information on the crisis and **access to an in-home visit from a Net Zero member if anyone wants to gather a group of ten or more people**. The logo will be shown in the window of all homes that are actively working towards resolving the climate crisis.

B. Actions:

- I. All members will do everything in their power to not drive alone – either cycling, walking, using public transportation, or carpooling.
- II. All members eliminate all excess lighting at homes or church and all power cords or electronic equipment will be turned off or unplugged when not in direct use. New appliances will be efficient.
- III. All member's houses will be kept at temperatures that reduce emissions due to heating and cooling. We should need to wear several layers in winter and loose clothes in summer. Renewable energy sources will be considered for heating and cooling.
- IV. All members will look for ways to buy in bulk and/or reused goods and reduce excess packaging and consumption that is not necessary, including food waste.
- V. Despite the above, all members will not judge others, recognizing that we all have different hindrances to action, and that we will support and encourage each other as we move forward in this crisis.
- VI. The church will use every opportunity to reduce emissions. Gaps in the outer envelope will be closed and lights will be off in all unoccupied rooms and temperatures will be kept so as to reduce emission use without impacting actions. All renewable energy sources will be taken seriously due to the concern over the crisis.