

## Christians Advocate for Climate Health: Selected Resources

(A list to accompany the video)

- Are Christians called to be politically engaged in the quest for social and ecological justice?  
Leslie Sterling, "[The Intersection of Church and State](#)"  
"[Not only with our lips, but in our lives': The Church and Social Justice](#)," A statement by the Social Justice Commission, Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts (2014)
- Creation care in The Episcopal Church (TEC): <https://episcopalchurch.org/creation-care>  
[Liberating advocacy: resources from TEC](#)  
"[From the Pew to the Public Square](#)" (2020), TEC booklet that provides quick coaching in moral agency, discernment, and decision making" for social change  
[Episcopal Church Eco-Justice Resolutions](#)  
[Episcopal Public Policy Network](#)
- Six kinds of climate advocacy:
  1. Vote  
[Environmental Voter Project](#)  
[Voting resources from TEC](#)
  2. Contact decision-makers  
[Citizens Climate Lobby](#)  
"[Lobbying on climate change as a spiritual practice](#)" (2015 blog post)
  3. Write  
[RevivingCreation.org](#) contains blog posts, articles, and sermons about a faith-based response to the climate emergency  
"[An opportunity for which the Church was born](#)" (ecumenical statement following President Trump announced his decision to withdraw the US from the Paris Climate Accord, 2017)
  4. Testify at public hearings
  5. Pray  
"[We are the Earth: Public prayer for the planet](#)" (the story of an ecumenical, outdoor prayer service held the weekend after Donald Trump was elected President, 2016)  
"[Protesting pipelines on Palm Sunday](#)" (the story of a spirited rally, held on Palm Sunday, 2016, to stop fracked gas pipelines)
  6. Nonviolent direct action  
"[Jobs, justice, and climate bring us together](#)" (the story of speaking to 2,000+ people at a climate justice rally in Boston, 2015)  
"[How to organize an interfaith environmental action – 13 steps](#)"  
What it's like to risk arrest for climate justice: "[Sixteen clergy arrested, singing for our lives](#)" (2016 blog post)  
"[#Stand Up, Charlie: Risking arrest for climate justice](#)" (2017 blog post)  
"When Heaven Happens," chapter by MJB about what it was like to be arrested for the first time, in [Heaven](#), ed. Roger Ferlo (Seabury Books, 2007), 74-85.  
Standing with Standing Rock:  
"[Standing Rock: Good tidings of great joy](#)" (story of overcoming fear and traveling to Standing Rock, 2016 blog post)  
"[Listening to Native voices: Standing Rock is everywhere](#)" (story of an ecumenical ceremony to burn the Doctrine of Discovery, witnessed by Native American leaders, 2017 blog post)

- Join and support national climate justice groups such as:

[Poor People's Campaign](#)  
[Creation Justice Ministries](#)  
[GreenFaith](#)  
[350.org](#)  
[Sunrise Movement](#)  
[Blessed Tomorrow](#)

### **In Massachusetts**

- Join [Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light](#), an excellent resource for both individuals and congregations as we pray, act, and mobilize to address the climate crisis.
- Join [350Mass](#), our grassroots climate action network here in Massachusetts that works from the Berkshires to Cape Cod to fight for equity and justice in climate policy. Subscribe to the newsletter and join your local node. In the Pioneer Valley, [join Climate Action Now Western Massachusetts](#), a grassroots all-volunteer group dedicated to building a powerful climate justice movement through organizing, action and public education; subscribe to the CAN newsletter and visit the monthly meeting.
- Connect with [Episcopal City Mission](#), which is working to understand and address the links between racial, economic and environmental/climate injustice in Massachusetts.

- Suggested reading:

Jim Antal, [Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change](#) (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018). St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, Los Osos, CA, has created a free [study guide](#).

Leah Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, ed., [Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis](#) (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019)

- Other resources:

Episcopal Diocese of Western MA [web pages on Creation care](#), focused on [Pray](#), [Learn](#), [Act](#), and [Advocate](#)

Episcopal Diocese of MA [web pages on Creation care](#)  
[RevivingCreation.org](#) offers Rev. Margaret's sermons, articles, videos, books, blog posts, and monthly newsletter (you can [subscribe](#))

[Inside Climate News](#) is a Pulitzer Prize-winning, nonpartisan source of reporting – you can sign up for daily emails

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