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UU Climate Justice Revival Welcome Packet for Participating Congregations

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Important Dates

August 1: Registered congregations will receive written materials for:

- Day 1: Adult Dialogs and Activities for Children and Youth
- Day 2: Multigenerational Worship and Organizing Hour

★ We're providing everything you need to host the Revival.

★ You do not need to plan speakers or activities for the Revival unless you plan to host a supplemental activity to our programming

Materials To Expect:

Day 1: Materials for Adult Dialogs and Children/Youth Activities

- Facilitator's Toolkit with step-by-step instructions for congregations hosting the revival in-person, virtually, or hybrid, including
 - Room set up and materials needed
 - Tech requirements (ex. Screen to play a video, zoom if virtual/hybrid)
 - An agenda with chalice lighting, detailed instructions for each activity, etc.
- Activities for PreK-2, Elementary, Middle, and High School UUs.

Day 2: Multigenerational Worship and Organizing Hour

- Worship
 - Order of Service
 - Written worship script
 - Sheet music of recommended and commissioned song
- Organizing Hour
 - Script, materials, and activities for an organizing action designed by UU the Vote, UU Service Committee, and UUs for Social Justice focusing on the Election

August - September: Registered congregations will be invited to online trainings for:

- Congregational leaders who will be facilitators during the Revival
- Training and best practices for promoting the revival to congregants

September 1: Registered congregations will receive the recorded worship elements as both individual videos of each portion of the service as well as one single recording

★ Find our UU Climate Justice Revival Printable Task List and Contact Sheet at the end of this document to keep track of everything you need to prepare for the Revival!

★ Have questions? Email uuclimaterevival@UUA.org



Preparing for the Revival



Reimagine Together! From an Extractive Age to a New Era UU Climate Justice Revival

On September 28-29, congregations will host UU Climate Justice Revivals to collectively reimagine a spirit-filled and liberatory future. Through conversations, worship, and organizing, congregations will work together to realize climate justice and collective liberation in our communities. Congregations will receive everything they need to host a revival in their communities, including discussion guides and materials for all ages, training, worship resources, and organizing actions designed to transform our communities through climate justice. The table below provides an overview of the weekend. This Welcome Packet follows this format.

DAY 1		DAY 2
Revival Activities for Children & Youth	Facilitated Dialogue for Adults	Multigenerational Celebration
Pre-K, Elementary, Middle & High School activities using UU Climate Justice Revival curricular materials	Collective Imagining Making Connections Building Capacity Nourishing Relationships Charting a Course	Worship Service
		Organizing Hour with UU the Vote UUs for Social Justice UU Service Committee

Promoting the Revival in your Congregation

Make sure everyone knows that there is a place for them at the Revival!
The Revival [media library](#) has everything you need! We will continue to update the media library so check back regularly!

- Newsletter announcement
- Graphics and text for social media
- Pulpit announcement
- Newsletter article
- Handouts / posters for bulletin boards
- Digital slides
- Press release for local media (available August 1)
- Share what you're doing to build excitement about the Revival by emailing UURevival@UUA.org!

Worship Preparation

The Revival Planning Team will provide everything you need to host a worship service tailored to your congregation's capacity and needs, including an Order of Service, written worship script, sheet music of recommended and commissioned songs, and pre-recorded worship elements. We've got it covered! For now, you need to:

- Book the date on your worship calendar
- Ask if your minister is preaching
- Confirm if your choir is performing or using pre-recorded music
- Start bringing together your worship team (see Recruit Volunteers section)

Reserve Space to Gather

Day 1: Adult Dialogs and Activities for Children & Youth

September 28 (or the first day your congregation is hosting the Revival)

- **Reserve a space for about six hours:**

(4-5 hours of programming, 30 minutes set up, 30 minutes clean up)

- Adult and Young Adult dialogs
- Children and youth activities (designed for Pre-K, Elementary, Middle, and High School)
- Childcare for infants and toddlers

Optional:

- Dining if you plan to serve breakfast or lunch
- Kitchen

Day 2: Multigenerational Worship and Organizing Hour

- **Reserve a space for about two hours:**

(one hour of programming, 30 minutes set up, 30 minutes clean up)

- Multigenerational Organizing hour after your worship service(s) on Sunday. This could be your fellowship hall or several rooms.



Recruit volunteers



Day 1: Adult Dialogs and Activities for Children & Youth

- See page 1 for reminder of what materials your congregation will receive on August 1

Time Keeper (1 or 2 people)

Skills: Attention to detail; willingness to speak up when times are up.

Tasks: This person tracks the agenda and notifies the facilitators when a session is coming to an end.

Time commitment: During the event on Saturday.

Hospitality (2 or more people)

Skills: You know these people! They are the ones who help you with coffee hours, social events, etc.

Tasks: Set up, take down, clean up.

Time commitment: This depends on what kind of fellowship you'd like to provide. If you want to include a meal, it will include advanced planning and some budget. If it is just greeting and welcome, the time commitment is one hour before the event on Saturday and one hour afterwards to help clean up.

Photographer/Videographer (1 or more people)

Skills: Can take pictures and video!

Tasks: High quality camera photos to capture the essence of the event and significant moments and highlights. These will be used for your own archives and shared on social media.

Others can take phone photos and share on social media during the event.

Time commitment: During the events on Saturday and Sunday. Time after the event to edit and share with appropriate people.

AV/Tech (1 or more people)

Skills: Can play video and help with sound

Can host zoom (if doing virtual or hybrid)

Time commitment:

Saturday - one hour before the event and throughout the event

Sunday - your regular AV support for worship

Religious educators for children and youth (2 or more)

Following [Safe Congregation](#) recommendations, the UUA advises congregations to require that at least [two unrelated adults](#), who are not in a relationship with each other, be present at all times as teachers/volunteers for religious education, youth group, children and teen choirs, and other children or teen activities in the congregation. For example, a third staffer would need to be present with a wife/husband team in the nursery. In addition, many congregational insurance policies now require that churches adopt the “two-person” rule. One adult should never be alone with a child or in a classroom, and, under no circumstances, is a child to be left in a classroom or anywhere unattended. This protects children from abuse, and it protects our children’s ministry volunteers from accusation.

You may combine classrooms (ex: Pre K and Elementary; Middle and High School). Curriculum will be developed for each of these grade levels: Pre K - Elementary - Middle School - High School

Skills: Ideally, prior experience leading religious education, but the curriculum will be very straightforward.

Tasks: Curriculum review, supplies gathering and session prep, teaching/leading the activities in the curriculum, clean up post-session, reflection on how it went

Time Commitment: Review the curriculum and gather supplies the week or two before the event. Arrive an hour before the event on Saturday, facilitate student-centered activities during the event, and clean up for one hour after the event.

Facilitators to lead adult dialogs (2 or more)

Volunteering as a Revival facilitator is an excellent opportunity to learn new skills!

A minimum of two facilitators is recommended. If you have more than 60 participants attending, we suggest you add one additional facilitator for every 30 people over 60. The Revival team provides training for all facilitators in August and September.

Time Commitment: Four weeks before the revival, review the toolkit and assign facilitators to the various sections. Attend 90-minute training that will be provided by the Revival team in August and September. Revival weekend, add 1-2 hours before- and post-event reflection and next steps.

Skills: Facilitators don’t need to be climate experts or facilitation experts! Facilitators need to be able to guide discussions, manage group dynamics, and foster an inclusive environment. It is helpful for facilitators to have or to cultivate:

- growth mindset
- communication skills
- adaptability and flexibility
- empathy and emotional intelligence
- confidence and presence

- organizational skills
- neutrality and impartiality
- creativity and innovation
- cultural competence
- patience and composure.

Volunteer facilitators will improve communication skills, manage group dynamics, and adapt to various situations. Even if facilitators start with only a few of the mentioned abilities, their involvement in the process will be a fruitful journey of development and enrichment.

The Revival planning team is here to support your congregation and your facilitators! Before our August facilitator trainings, we recommend watching the [Facilitation Skill Up: Leading Gatherings with Grace and Impact](#) workshop from Side With Love.

Review our [guide on how to identify your revival facilitators!](#)

Day 2: Multigenerational Worship and Organizing Hour

The UU Climate Justice Revival planning team will provide everything you need to host the Dialogs and Children/Youth activities on the first day of the Revival. On August 1, all participating congregations will receive:

- Worship
 - Order of Service
 - Worship script
 - Sheet music of the recommended and commissioned songs
- Organizing Hour
 - Script, materials, and activities for an organizing action designed by UU the Vote, UU Service Committee, and UUs for Social Justice focusing on the Election

Worship Team

Time commitment for the worship team: Review the worship materials before the service and be prepared to lead the elements. If you plan to play the full recording, you can still insert live pieces like welcoming and a closing.

Worship Leader (1 or more):

Skills: Somebody you're used to seeing up there doing "worshippy things" who can hold it all together this morning.

Time commitment: Review the worship materials before the service and be prepared to lead the elements. If you plan to play the full recording, you can still insert human pieces like welcoming and a closing.

Young Adult or Youth Participant (1 or more)

We encourage a young adult or youth to lead the Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting.

Musicians (1 or more)

The Revival will be accessible for all UU congregations with all sorts of music programs, large and small. To that end, the planning team will provide videos you can use in your worship service or you can manage the music in-house. We are commissioning a song to commemorate the UU Climate Justice Revival. We will provide sheet music of the song which can then be played by a solo musician, small ensemble or full choir; you can recruit the musicians you need based on the worship script and sheet music which will be available August 1.

Songleaders (1 or more)

Think about what music really needs some boost from experienced songleaders.

Audio Visual/Tech (1 or more)

Your regular AV and video support for worship

Sunday Organizing Hour

The Sunday Organizing Hour is organized by UU the Vote, UU Service Committee, and UUs for Social Justice. **We encourage your congregation's Revival planning team to work with your UU the Vote or Democracy team** (if you have one!) to co-host the Organizing Hour.

Facilitators (2 people)

Skills: Past facilitation and public speaking experience. Ideally these folks have some technical skills and savvy if people have questions about their devices while taking action during the Organizing hour.

Tasks: Move participants through the agenda. Troubleshoot and coach folks through the activity if they get stuck.

Time commitment: Review agenda and have prep call or conversation with co-facilitator, During the event on Sunday, potentially post-event support and follow up to congregants

Time Keeper (1 or 2 people)

Skills: Attention to detail; willingness to speak up when times are up.

Tasks: This person tracks the agenda and notifies the facilitators when a session is coming to an end.

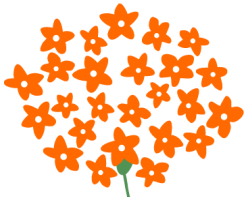
Time commitment: During the event on Sunday

Hospitality (2 or more people)

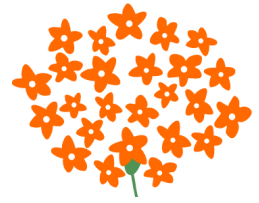
Skills: You know these people! They are the ones who help you with coffee hours, social events, etc.

Tasks: Set up, take down, clean up.

Time commitment: Time to coordinate food in advance, set up and clean up, greet. *A note on food:* if you're able to include light snacks or a meal, we encourage it. The organizing hour is taking place after services and we think more folks will come and stay engaged. It also continues to build our practice of welcome and hospitality.



Other Considerations



Collaborating with other Justice Teams or Ministries

The UU Climate Justice Revival is more than just “climate”! Climate justice is racial justice, is gender justice, is disability justice, immigration justice, LGBTQIA+ justice, economic justice, mental health justice and on and on. Climate justice is an intersectional justice issue and one we have to understand as a complex crisis with the same root causes as the systems of oppression we fight so hard against. The UU Climate Justice Revival is a perfect opportunity to break down the artificial silos that separate our justice work and ministries to come together with creativity, connection, and shared reimagining.

- List all of the ministries in your congregation
- Reach out to each group to invite them to the Revival
- Read articles to help you understand climate justice as an intersectional issue (more added over time!)
 - [Racism is Killing the Planet](#)
 - [Proposed Bill Treats Environmental Justice as a Civil Rights Issue](#)
 - [Climate Justice is Reproductive Justice Too](#)
 - [Climate Justice is a Disability Justice Issue](#)

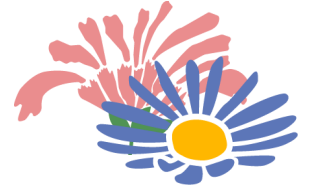
Choose a Share the Plate Recipient

Consider what justice-related organization you’d like to support with the offering from your Sunday Revival worship. Think about what organizations in your community are working at the intersection of climate and racism, immigration, disability justice, healthcare, and more. Here are a few things to consider as you deliberate.

- Use [this tool](#) to explore your local area and the communities that are disproportionately impacted by climate disruption. Start with your zip code. Then click to zoom in. Notice the categories on the right and the respective percentiles of risk.
 - The Revival Planning Team has shared a few organizations to consider in our [Suggested Share the Plate Recipients Spreadsheet](#).
 - Email UURevival@UUA.org to add the organization you choose to this list!
- Identify a Share the Plate Recipient for your Sunday Worship Service



Info Sessions & Trainings!



Revival Info Sessions

Optional, but will be very helpful for congregations hosting a Revival.

- Monday, 8/5, 7–8pm ET
https://secure.everyaction.com/mDSWIhVmmEGasN36-K_12Q2
- Tuesday, 8/13, 12–1pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/SxMfkPOEpEGTsG7VXVGJTA2>
- Thursday, 8/15, 12–1pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/Dfq-DyoYY0mjM0GGGO9Dag2>

Green Sanctuary 2030 + UU Climate Justice Revival

Info sessions specifically designed to make the connections between Green Sanctuary 2030 + the Revival

- Wednesday, 8/7, 7–8:30pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/ucRwZ3j9QUKmxvOvEmsRxA2>

Facilitator Trainings

One training is required for all facilitators. Content will be the same for all trainings. For now, we encourage facilitators to watch the [Facilitation Skill Up: Leading Gatherings with Grace and Impact](#) workshop from Side With Love.

- Wednesday, 8/14, 7–9pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/LYW5r5Xnh8kSm8zRp8blwDw2>
- Sunday, 8/18, 3–5pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/zQK5Bx4Jf0qSvMOU3kRTZQ2>
- Sunday, 8/18, 6–8 pm ET: <https://secure.everyaction.com/DP116vcpDUe-ZiSxvn0myw2>
- Thursday, 8/29, 7–9pm ET: https://secure.everyaction.com/j54_licCI026QEWvVCTHFg2
- Saturday, 9/7, 3–5pm ET: https://secure.everyaction.com/KaKw8_csV0GqbjJOSoNnfg2
- Saturday, 9/7, 6–8 pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/VUAjLgDHMkeOmS23I5e77A2>
- Wednesday, 9/11, 7–9 pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/o25gwahiaECNF1bkfmfweA2>

Revival Run Through

All congregations are encouraged to attend. Not required.

- Sunday, 9/22, 3–5pm ET: https://secure.everyaction.com/7Mp_AnY6uUOfOc6fLty4Cg2

Green Sanctuary Celebration + Call for Renewal with Pres. Sofia Betancourt

- Wednesday, 12/11, 7–8pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/JlevGKewM0icPstHI1W9Rw2>

UU Climate Justice Revival

Printable Task List

Promote the Revival in your Congregation

- Newsletter announcement
- Pulpit Announcement
- Newsletter article
- Poster to announce the Revival
- Digital slides

Worship Preparation

- Book the date on your worship calendar
- Ask if your minister is preaching
- Confirm if your choir is performing or using pre-recorded music
- Start bringing together your worship team (see Recruit Volunteers section)

Reserve Space to Gather

Day 1: Adult Dialogs and Activities for Children & Youth

September 28 (or the first day your congregation is hosting the Revival)

- **Reserve a space for five to six hours:**

4 to 5 hours of programming (including breaks), 30 minutes set up, 30 minutes clean up

- Adult and Young Adult dialogs
- Children and youth activities (designed for Pre-K, Elementary, Middle, and High School)
- Childcare for infants and toddlers

Optional:

- Dining if you plan to serve breakfast or lunch
- Kitchen

Day 2: Multigenerational Organizing Hour

- **Reserve a space for about two hours:**

(one hour of programming, 30 minutes set up, 30 minutes clean up)

- Multigenerational Organizing hour after your worship service(s) on Sunday. This could be your fellowship hall or several rooms.

Recruit Volunteers

Day 1 Adult Dialogs and Children/Youth Activities

- Time Keeper (1 or 2 people)
- Hospitality (2 or more people)
- Photographer/Videographer (1 or more people)
- AV/Tech (1 or more people)
- Religious educators for children and youth (2 or more)
- Facilitators to lead adult dialogs (2 or more)

Day 2: Multigenerational Worship and Organizing Hour

Worship Team

- Worship Leader (1 or more):
- Young Adult or Youth Participant (1 or more)
- Musicians (1 or more)
- Songleaders (1 or more)
- Audio Visual/Tech (1 or more)

Sunday Organizing Hour

- Facilitators (2 or more)
- Time Keeper (1 or 2)
- Hospitality (2 or more)

Other Considerations

Collaborating with other Justice Teams or Ministries

- List all of the ministries in your congregation
- Reach out to each group to invite them to the Revival
- Read articles to help you understand climate justice as an intersectional issue

Choose a Share the Plate Recipient

- Identify a Share the Plate Recipient for your Sunday Worship Service.

Sign up for Revival Info Sessions and Facilitator Trainings

- Encourage your team to join an info session
- Make sure each of your facilitators signs up to join the required training.





UU Climate Justice Revival Congregation Team Contact List



Day 1 Adult Dialogs and Children/Youth Activities

Time Keeper (1 or 2 people)

Hospitality (2 or more people)

Photographer/Videographer (1 or more people)

AV/Tech (1 or more people)

Religious educators for children and youth (2 or more)

Facilitators to lead adult dialogs (2 or more)

Day 2: Multigenerational Worship and Organizing Hour

Worship Team

Worship Leader (1 or more):

Young Adult or Youth Participant (1 or more)

Musicians (1 or more)

Songleaders (1 or more)

Audio Visual/Tech (1 or more)

Sunday Organizing Hour

Facilitator (2 or more)

Time Keeper (1 or more)

Hospitality (2 or more)