



Reimagine Together: From An Extractive Age To A New Era

Frequently Asked Questions for the UU Climate Justice Revival

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The Basics

What is a “climate justice revival”?

The Climate Justice Revival is a way for all UU congregations to participate in a shared experience in our own locations but in solidarity and partnership with all the other UU congregations. It’s an ambitious plan to connect us to each other in our genuine desire for a flourishing future where all communities thrive.

Why are we doing this?

We’ve never before attempted such a wide-spread action, but necessity has inspired us to increase our engagement on the issue of climate justice. This Revival consolidates and mobilizes us toward the larger national movement working toward meeting critical climate goals.

Who’s participating?

Everyone! We’re inviting all UU congregations to join the fun. The Revival is ideal for the entire congregation to gather in celebration (not just the justice teams!) to gather for an energizing and engaging two-day experience around climate justice. Because climate justice is intersectional, we hope you and your wider congregation--kids, adults, and beloveds of all ages--are able to join!

Who is organizing the UU Climate Justice Revival?

“Reimagine Together: From an Extractive Age to a New Era” is a project of the UU Climate Justice Coalition and Friends with financial support from Revival Sponsors. The Revival builds on decades of faithful and visionary UU climate and environmental leadership and is designed to encourage collaboration amongst congregational teams and break down silos. Together, we can move past systems and cultures of extraction to usher in a new era with love and justice at the center of our climate actions.

What will the UU Climate Justice Revival be like?

The Revival will take place in congregations and communities wherever UUs gather. While each congregation’s revival will look a little different, everyone will engage in the same process with the same resources.

Day 1: Facilitated Conversations

Designed to nourish relationships, make connections, build capacity, vision the future, and chart a course of actions, these facilitated conversations will include creative engagements, music, relationship building activities, and congregational connections that will advance intersectional climate actions with justice at the center. Congregations will designate at least two people to facilitate the conversations; these facilitators will receive a toolkit, training, and support to host the activities.

Day 2: Worship and Advocacy

The UU Climate Justice Revival worship services will engage the whole congregation with the same spirit of intention as the dialogs. Congregations will receive worship materials for all elements of a service - in writing and video format. This will include reflections (two or more short sermonettes), and recordings and sheet music of the song commissioned to celebrate the revival. Following worship services, congregations will join a national organizing hour. Winners of the sermon contest will provide their sermons (written and by video) for congregational use.

The [UU Climate Justice Revival Overview](#) provides some more detail. The planning team is “preparing the soil” and “planting the seeds” so that congregations can “grow together”!

Is the Revival online or in person or hybrid? How will this work?

The Revival is intentionally designed as a different kind of event. It's a distributed event happening in congregations all over. Congregations will receive everything they need to host a Revival in their community. Whether your congregation's Revival is online, hybrid, or in person is entirely up to you. The Planning Team will provide your congregation with detailed agendas for each option for the Dialogs on Day 1. Your Revival worship service on Day 2 should be held however you usually hold worship. The Organizing hour on Day 2 will also have options for in person, online, or hybrid engagement. Do what's right for your congregation, and we'll support you with whatever you decide.

Is the Revival for Individuals or Congregations?

The Revival is designed for congregations to engage individuals in transformative dialogs, worship, and advocacy together. If you're excited about the Revival and want to encourage your congregation to join, consider asking for a meeting with your minister or congregational leaders to discuss the possibility of your congregation hosting the revival. You can share this FAQ, our website - UUClimateJustice.org, or the [overview](#) to help inform that conversation. If you need more support, email Environment@UUA.org.

“Reimagine together: From an extractive age to a new era” what does that mean?

Climate change has the same root causes as health disparities, poverty, criminalization, immigration, and most of our society’s problems. Extractive systems, like the fossil fuels industry, take from the Earth, destroy our communities with pollution, disproportionately harm marginalized communities, and increase the inequities that drive racism, sexism, classism, and more. To shift from an extractive age to a new era means we must reject the broader systems of harm like capitalism and white supremacy to realize a future where all communities thrive. This rejection of systems that take, destroy, and harm necessitates a shift towards connection, nourishment, and communities of care. As we come together for the UU Climate Justice Revival, we will join in conversations, worship, laughter, joy, and hopefulness that facilitate this kind of massive culture shift. We know what the current systems of harm and extraction look like, what would a future look like if love was at the center of our actions? Come together with your community and fellow UUs to envision that world and identify actions that will help bring that vision to life.

Our congregation would like to participate, but we do not have the funds to cover registration. What should we do?

All congregations will be resourced to participate in the Revival. Congregations can join at the level most appropriate for them. If you do not have the funds to cover registration, simply select the option for “Fully Sponsored Registration for Congregations - \$0”. If you need additional funding to support your congregation’s engagement, email Environment@UUA.org.

How can we support the UU Climate Justice Revival? What does the sponsorship money support?

Sponsorships are available for \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, or more for congregations that want to support the Revival. Sponsorship money will be used to provide grants to congregations who need more support primarily. Sponsorship funds will also be used to cover the cost of curriculum development, facilitator training, commissioning a song, and materials development.

Can we host the Revival on another weekend?

Absolutely! The Revival is designed to be responsive to the needs of all of our congregations, so if you need to do it on another weekend, that’s fine! Please register, and let us know what weekend you plan to host the Revival in your congregation.

Can we host the Revival with other congregations?

Yes! It’s a great idea for congregations to work together to host the Revival. We do ask that each participating congregation still register independently (grant support is available if funds are an issue) so we can keep track of all the congregations engaging in

the Revival. We'd caution against several large congregations hosting one Revival as it might be a lot for facilitators to manage.

We want to register, but can't pay until after July 1?

Definitely! However, registration fees go up to \$100 after July 1. You can register before July 1 and simply indicate that you are interested. That will reserve your spot at the \$50 registration rate.

Can we pay by check?

Yes! If you need to pay by check, please mail your check to the address below and include the code 10-44995-210-12411 in the memo.

Mail checks to:

UUA General Account
PO Box 843152
Boston, MA 02284-3152

Include in the check memo: 10-44995-210-12411

We're all in! How can we sign up?

Go to UUClimateJustice.org and [Register your Congregation today!](#)

What to Expect

What is the timeline?

March 1: Registration opens
March 15: Sermon Contest Launched
May TBD: Information and Listening Sessions
July 1: Early Bird Registration Ends: the [registration fee](#) goes from \$50 to \$100. (Mini grants available.)
August 1: Sermon Contest Submissions Due
August 15: Winning Sermons announced
August 1: Commemorative Art Contest Submissions Due
August 1: Facilitator Toolkit available
All ages curricula available
Worship resources available - print and recordings
August 1- September 20: Facilitator Trainings

September 1: Winners of the sermon contest will provide their sermons (written and by video) for congregational use during the Revival or afterwards
September 28-29: UU Climate Justice Revival!

Check out the [UU Climate Justice Revival Overview](#) for more details!

Is this an all-ages event? Will there be activities for children?

Yes! We are collecting materials to support congregations to engage all ages for the UU Climate Justice Revival. In August, we will publish the curricular materials developed for Pre-K, Elementary, Middle, and High School participants. Young Adults will join the facilitated conversation as participants and congregational leaders.

Are there opportunities for young adult leadership?

Yes! Youth and Young Adults are some of those who will be most impacted by climate disruption. The future we envision through the Revival will be their reality - it is critical that their perspectives shape our climate justice work. The Revival Team will provide curricular materials for all ages, and young adults will join the facilitated conversations as participants and congregational leaders. Ideally, your congregation would select at least one young adult to be trained as one of the two facilitators who will hold space for the facilitated conversations on Day 1.

Is music part of the weekend?

Yes! The UU Climate Justice Revival Planning Team is commissioning a song to commemorate the Revival. Congregations will receive recordings of different choirs performing the song to play at designated times during the dialogs on Day 1 or during worship on Day 2. Congregations will also receive the sheet music, so your choirs can learn and sing the song on Day 2!

Will there be any advocacy or political actions as part of the Revival?

Day 2 of the UU Climate Justice Revival will include an organizing hour co-hosted by UU the Vote, UUs for Social Justice, and the UU Service Committee. More details to come!

Is this a national or regional event?

The revival is designed to be a distributed event with congregations engaging independently with the same questions, conversations, activities, and worship materials. All participating congregations will receive the same materials and support.

Is this going to be an annual event?

Maybe!? We're looking forward to the 2024 UU Climate Justice Revival, and we will see what unfolds from there! That said, the materials will be evergreen if your congregation wants to host similar events in the future. And if you need to choose a different weekend for the Revival, you may.

Getting Ready!

How do we organize and get our team together?

Check out our [Revival Welcome Packet!](#) Because this work is never done in isolation, we're asking congregations and communities to sign on as a team rather than as individuals. Work together with your leadership to find out who can plant those seeds of change in your community and sign up for a shared experience of learning, commitment, and growth.

- 1) Organize to bring the Revival to your congregation:
 - a) Contact your leaders, clergy, or committed advocates and ask what it would take to join the revival.
 - b) Gather five or more do-ers together to help organize your event.
- 2) Register your congregation [here!](#)
- 3) Consider [sponsoring the Revival](#) to make sure all congregations can participate.
- 4) Start organizing your team:
 - a) Identify at least two volunteer facilitators to be trained and supported to host the dialogs on Day 1.
 - b) Register your facilitators for a training session in August and September.
 - c) Join the Listening and Information Sessions

Revival Info Sessions

- Tuesday, 6/25, 7–8pm ET <https://secure.everyaction.com/ab3IUdfjV0KpV6rTQPRO3A2>
- 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

- Wednesday, 8/7, 7–8:30pm ET:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/ucRwZ3j9QUKmxvOvEmsRxA2>
- 5) Get your congregation excited about the revival!
 - a) Start spreading the word through social media, newsletters, conversations, and more! Here is a [Media Toolkit](#) to help you every step of the way!

How will congregations be supported?

Congregations will receive:

- Training for two people to facilitate the Revival discussions on Day 1
- A Facilitator's Toolkit to guide you through every step in the dialogues
- Video content to support conversations

- Recordings of the commissioned song to enrich your discussions
- Materials to support worship services on Day 2
- An organized Action Hour with UUs for Social Justice, UU the Vote, and the UU Service Committee on Day 2

Should we invite other congregations or community partners to participate?

The dialogs are designed to deepen relationships and connections on climate as an intersectional issue and to support congregational transformation on climate justice. If congregations would like to join together for the Revival, that's great! Each congregation is asked to register separately. Then you can form a team across congregations to lead the event. There may be times in the discussions when individual congregations might prefer to work together, but those times would be noted in the facilitator's guidebook.

If a congregation has existing strong relationships with community partners, they might be a benefit to the dialogs. If, however, relationships with community partners are emerging or on unsteady ground, it might be better to focus on the congregation instead.

We've had several congregations ask about doing this as an interfaith event. Again, if you have solid working relationships with these folks and you think your conversations will be broader and your outcomes more effective if they attend, then please invite them!