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## Faith-based Climate Action Team (CAT) Influence Project

The UUFC Climate Action Team's (CAT) goals for 2023-24 include: *Encourage, support, and provide opportunities for members and friends to engage in solutions-focused climate action*. CAT classifies solutions-focussed climate action in two broad domains:

- a) Reducing and taking responsibility for personal emissions
- b) Influencing:
  - National, state, and local legislation and policy
  - Corporate action

Action in both domains is essential to (a) mitigate climate change, (b) adapt and build resilience, and (c) and secure justice for those most impacted but least responsible for climate change. CAT suggests there is positive feedback between the two. Working to reduce emissions increases the likelihood of working to influence legislation, policy, and corporations. And vice versa.

Each week, we respond to three, occasionally four, curated <u>weekly actions</u> to influence legislation, policy, and/or corporations. This includes signing petitions, sending letters, and, occasionally, making phone calls. The actions support the work of climate-action <u>groups</u> with the highest reputations. These weekly actions take about 5 minutes to complete.

The action opportunities are included in the Faith-based Climate Action posting in the Weekly Announcements and on the <u>UUFC website</u>. Also, participants can sign up to receive the weekly action opportunities via the once-per-week, Saturday email <u>CATweek</u>.

You are invited and encouraged to sign up <u>here</u> to participate in the Influence Project.

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