



**Reimagine Together**  
**From An Extractive**  
**Age To A New Era**

# UU Climate Justice Organizing Hour Script for Action

*These scripts are suggestions but please change to reflect your tone and style accordingly. Our goal is to build our practice of reaching out to our own networks, at times having challenging conversations, and move people to vote in November.*

**INITIAL TEXT:** Hi! Hopefully you know that I care deeply about climate justice. My vision of climate justice means working towards a liveable future for all people. This year, so much is at stake for the environment and for our futures on this planet. Thinking about the last time you voted, what issue motivated you the most to go and vote?

**RESPONSE: ISSUE**

Yes, that is such an important reason to vote. Do you already have a plan to vote this November?

**RESPONSE: YES, I'M PLANNING TO VOTE**

I'm so glad! There are many ways we can vote, do you know if you're going to vote early in person, vote by mail, or vote on election day?

**a. RESPONSE: I'M VOTING EARLY IN-PERSON**

- i. Awesome! Do you need any help finding early voting locations and times in your area? <https://www.vote411.org/>

**b. RESPONSE: I HAVE MY MAIL-IN BALLOT**

- i. Great! You might have already done this, but make sure you know when the ballot needs to be in the mail to arrive by the due date.  
<https://www.vote411.org/>

**c. RESPONSE: I'M VOTING ON ELECTION DAY**

- i. Awesome! Do you need any help finding your polling location?  
<https://www.vote411.org/>
- ii. If they say it's always in the same place, gently remind them that one voter suppression tactic is to change the polling locations last minute so they should always check to make sure.

**RESPONSE: HAS A PLAN TO VOTE FIGURED OUT - VOTE TRIPLING ASK**

It's so cool that you've already planned how you're going to show up for democracy this year. We are also reaching out to our friends and family to ask that they talk to as many voters they know. Can I count on you to share vote plan information with three people in your life? People who make a plan to vote are more likely to vote in November. <https://www.vote411.org/>

**RESPONSE: YES I'LL REACH OUT TO FRIENDS & FAMILY**

Beautiful, thank you! You can use these resources to start conversations with your own friends and family! [Revival Organizing Hour Materials](#)

**RESPONSE: NO, NOT INTERESTED**

No worries! I hope you're having a great weekend and I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_!

**RESPONSE: WHAT IS THE UU CLIMATE JUSTICE REVIVAL?**

UU congregations are hosting UU Climate Justice Revivals to collectively reimagine a spirit-filled and liberatory future. Through conversations, worship, and advocacy, congregations will work together to realize climate justice and collective liberation in our communities.

**RESPONSE: WHERE DO THESE CANDIDATES STAND ON CLIMATE JUSTICE?**

I can get you two tools, web based score cards, that can help you look up information about sitting elected officials. One is from the League of Conservation Voters, the other the Climate Cabinet.

Where would you like to receive those hyperlinks, by email or text?

For candidates who are not incumbents the best place to look is our 2-3 largest local or regional newspapers (even if they are online). A Google search is a decent place to start.

[\(See here for reply with materials.\)](#)

**RESPONSE: MY VOTE DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY**

*[Check in about local issues that matter to them that may shift or shape how they plan to engage. Our work is to shift the political terrain to win more material conditions for peoples' lives. Come with a posture of humility and care for how folks may be arriving at their decision. Remember that your relationship with this person will exist beyond this election.]*

I know, it's a very hard year to be an enthusiastic voter. I feel the pressure too. Thinking about [their issue], there could be down ballot races that are just as, or more important, than federal ones. Local elections make huge impacts on the resources devoted to our communities and there are local leaders who could make a huge difference in how these resources are allocated.

City councils, school boards, and State Attorneys are just some of the most impactful local positions in our lives. Even ballot initiatives could have huge impacts. Please consider showing up for these crucial issues.

### **RESPONSE: WHAT IF THEY DON'T VOTE**

*[Ask why, then try to ask what issues matter to them. Try to connect that/those to candidate positions. As above, come with a posture of humility and care for how folks may be arriving at their decision. Remember that your relationship with this person will exist beyond this election.]*

Can I ask why? There are a lot of reasons people don't vote. Is that a deliberate choice or is another factor making it hard to vote?

*Obstacle:* can we brainstorm a way around that problem? What might you need to make that barrier something that won't hold you back from voting?

*By choice:* I hear that. Can I ask what issues matter to you?

Points to share:

- Even if you believe that your ballot won't directly improve your own life, it can positively affect the lives of hundreds of thousands of others. If you care about [insert issue] your vote can help.
- Voting is as much about the big picture as it is about the present. If you want to see progress on [insert issue] voting sets the stage for progress.
- Voting is about what kind of country you want this to be in the future. Do you want the [U.S./State] to be a place where [insert issue] is addressed? Your vote helps. It helps to follow-up after an election to make your voice heard, but even a simple vote can help.
- Your vote is about more than just the qualities of a candidate that you like, it's about inching closer to a more just future.
- Voting can be a form of empathy and justice. Vote to better the status quo. Vote to protect our democracy. Vote to declare you care about [insert Issue.]
- If you join me in voting this election, I'd be more than happy to talk about what actions we can take together to address [insert issue].
- Politics aside, whatever the reason you don't want to vote, let's talk about it. You care about [insert issue], and I feel voting is a way to express support for that.