What is the “Our Earth, Our Responsibility” Campaign?

Our Earth, Our Responsibility is a global multi-religious youth-led campaign that seeks to educate, engage, and advocate on behalf of our Earth by mobilizing religious believers and people of goodwill to protect our shared planet from the ravages of climate change and its disproportionate effects on the poor and vulnerable communities.

**GOAL:** Our shared earth is protected from the harmful consequences of climate change.

To achieve its goal, the Our Earth, Our Responsibility campaign will facilitate a global climate protection movement through personal pledges to undertake three concrete actions on local, national, or regional levels.

What is the State of Our Earth?

Climate change is a grave threat to our earth and a defining issue of our time. The effects of climate change—accepted by an ever-growing scientific consensus as caused by human activities—are widely recognized as one of the most serious challenges facing our human family. If we stay on our current course, we can expect an increase in natural disasters, water and food insecurity, mass migration and threats to global health and security. These effects will hurt humanity, especially those already struggling to rise from extreme poverty. In a profound way, climate change is a threat to peace.

What is Our Responsibility?

Stewardship of the earth is a principle found in the world’s major religious traditions. From a basic belief in nature as divine creation, to scriptural commands to care for the earth, the collective sacred texts of all faiths speak of caring for the earth in diverse ways. Therefore, protecting the earth and its climate is, according to each of our religious tradition, a serious religious obligation.

Our respective religious traditions call us to work together to heal and protect our earth.
What Can We Do?

EDUCATE

✓ Train interfaith youth leaders on climate change to equip them with knowledge necessary for effective action.

✓ Participate in interactive trainings and multi-religious services in partnership with civil society, religious communities, and governments.

✓ Implement educational programs on climate protection, utilizing online media platforms and personal outreach.

ENGAGE

✓ Start a movement at places of worship to commitment to and implement practices of environmental sustainability.

✓ Conduct awareness-raising public events following religious services, including recycling drives and environmental cleanup activities.

✓ Organize a multi-faith vigil with diverse religious communities to pray for compassion towards the poor and vulnerable communities as well as courageous action on climate change.

ADVOCATE

✓ Secure the support of your local, regional or national leaders and your government to ratify the Paris Agreement, implement national Action Plans, and implement domestic climate legislation.

✓ Meet with local, regional or national political and religious leaders to urge their support for policies that are eco-friendly.

✓ Stand in solidarity with vulnerable populations and protect sacred worship spaces, both often the targets of environmental degradation.

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