

## Missoula First United Methodist Church

### Climate Covenant

As people of faith, we have an obligation to care for God's creation. How we live in this world has meaning and consequences for all beings.


We find our planet in a dire climate crisis. All life forms are at risk because of humankind's abuses of the earth, sky and water. Millions of plant and animal species face extinction. Humans are suffering, especially those who already are oppressed and therefore less able to cope with the changes brought by a warming world.

We are called to action that reflects our abiding love for God, for one another and for the natural world. We pledge ourselves – as individuals and as the congregation of Missoula First United Methodist Church – to the interconnected responsibilities of caring for creation and seeking justice for the oppressed. All aspects of our congregation's life will reflect these deep and unwavering commitments.

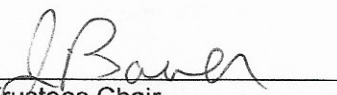
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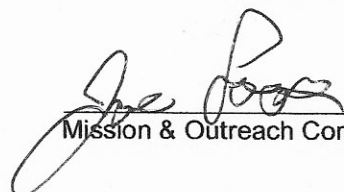
1. We resolve to accept our moral obligation to be responsible stewards of God's creation and advocates for social justice. We will transform our despair, anger and sadness about climate change and human suffering into action that helps to heal our world and all of humanity.
2. We resolve to conduct a review of our church's carbon footprint, and to develop and enact practices that reduce our impact on the Earth. We will educate our congregation and community on these efforts, and will work to inspire change at all levels.
3. We resolve to elevate climate action, and with it social justice, as a primary focus of our ministry. We will take a multi-faceted approach that includes education, communication, direct action and worship.

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