

The Climate Crisis Committee Full Description

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This committee exists to respond to the current climate crisis based on our spiritual belief that: *“The world is God’s creation. How we treat the earth and all its creatures is basic to our relationship with God, and of fundamental religious concern to the Society of Friends” Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1998*

Purposes:

- To help fulfill the commitment of Providence Monthly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to address the climate crisis with action.
- To promote increased awareness in our Meeting and in our wider community of how climate disruption is affecting virtually everyone and everything everywhere on earth.
- To identify opportunities for witnessing to our faith by helping to create a more equitable, inclusive, and ecologically sustainable society and culture.
- To show our Meeting the ways that individuals, households, and citizens' organizations, as well as local, state, and national governments and businesses can participate and collaborate in meeting the climate crisis.

Specific opportunities for members and attenders at this time:

- Help us find ways for our Meeting community to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.
- Help us urge Delaware County to adopt ways of managing our waste stream to move toward becoming a zero waste community, and to reduce the greenhouse gases that come from our waste.
- Help us find ways to mitigate the damage to the health and wellbeing that Chester residents suffer from our society’s industrial and economic systems, in which we participate.
- Help FCNL support federal legislation to advance a just and inclusive transition to an economy and society with net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- Urge our US senators and representatives to enact legislation that authorizes and funds an independent non-profit corporation for helping to finance clean energy investments in agriculture, construction, education, manufacturing, transportation, and other sources of greenhouse gases.
- We will share information with members and attenders of all ages in the Meeting community by newsletter announcements, documents on the PMM website, open meetings (live or virtual), occasional “courageous conversations”, and educational/engaging activities about key issues and challenging questions.

Documents currently available on the PMM website include:

- Spiritual Dimensions of our Climate Crisis
- Our presentations to the Solid Waste Authority
- Our presentation to the County Council in support of purchasing the Don Guanella tract.
- How the Clean Energy Accelerator would help finance investments in clean energy by states and localities, especially by disadvantaged communities.
- Report and Request for PMM September 2021

The Climate Crisis Committee has ties with the Eco-Justice Working Group of our Yearly Meeting, (<https://www.pym.org/eco-justice-collaborative/>) and the Environment and Energy staff of Friends Committee on National Legislation, (<https://www.fcnl.org/issues/environment-energy>). We attend to the work of the Delco Sustainability Commission and Chester Residents

Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL), the Delco Solid Waste Authority, and the Delco County Council .