

Global climate disruption is on track to seriously disrupt civilization within 30 years, catalyzing a sixth ecological mass extinction event on planet Earth, and impacting already-marginalized communities first and worst. Rising greenhouse gas emissions jeopardize achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, threatening to exacerbate disasters, poverty and inequality the world over. It is crucial that the Unitarian Universalist Association seriously responds to the threats and injustices of the global climate crisis. As a candidate for presidency of the UUA, we would like to ask:

1. What do you see as the root causes of the climate crisis?
2. What foreseeable impacts of global climate disruption are you most concerned about? Why?
3. How do you relate global climate disruption to the other great moral, spiritual and religious issues of our time?
4. What moral imperatives should guide Unitarian Universalist climate action?
5. How do you respond to global climate disruption in your current life and ministries?
6. As UUA President, what specific actions and policies would you implement to address the climate crisis? How would you increase institutional support from the UUA for its congregations and their members to work towards climate justice, environmental justice, and a sustainable way of life?
7. As UUA President, how would you expand and support the UUA's work with other faiths and non-governmental organizations to take collective actions towards shifting to a low carbon future, advancing the human rights of impacted populations, and growing the climate justice movement?
8. How should the UUA and its congregations offer ministerial support for people struggling with despair, confusion, or denial related to the global climate crisis?
9. How should the UUA and its congregations offer ministerial support for members of front-line impacted communities of the global climate crisis? What steps should the UUA take to be in greater solidarity with the front-line impacted communities of the global climate crisis?

We respectfully request that you let us know your thoughts in response to these questions, by March 22, 2017 (World Water Day and the beginning of the UU/Commit2Respond "Climate Justice Month"). Additionally, we request your permission to publish your response via websites and newsletters, to share with our community bases.