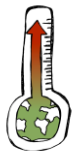


together we call for climate action



The problem is real: Earth's average surface temperature has increased by roughly 0.85°C since the beginning of the industrial era. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has surpassed 400 parts per million. Climate change impacts are being felt worldwide, with the greatest burden falling on those in the far North and Global South who have done the least to contribute to the problem.



Change is possible: Internationally, measures to address climate change and transition to green energy have proven to be consistent with a strong economy, quality jobs, and good health. In Canada, emissions reduction plans in several provinces have proven effective. At the December 2015 Conference of Parties (COP21), 165 members of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change reached consensus on "The Paris Agreement" that seeks to strengthen the global response to climate change.



Faith communities have spoken: In September 2015, leaders of Canadian faith communities issued [*On Promoting Climate Justice and Ending Poverty in Canada*](#), a call for federal government action to end poverty and fight climate change. This statement includes support for carbon pricing, promoting a national renewable energy policy, ending fossil fuel subsidies, and increasing the number of high quality, sustainable jobs in the renewable energy sector.



Action is urgently needed: Canada has endorsed a 1.5°C limit on global warming, but the efforts and ambitions of the federal government have been vastly inadequate to achieve even a 2°C goal. When the Paris Agreement opens for signatures on April 22, Canada must be prepared with an ambitious GHG emission reduction target and a concrete climate action plan that clearly establishes the federal leadership role and defines expectations for federal, provincial, and territorial action.

We call on the federal government to develop an ambitious Canadian GHG emission reduction target, and support a binding international climate agreement with fair and clear targets to keep global average temperature well below a 2°C increase from pre-industrial levels.

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How to take action with the **call for climate action**:

[1]

Prepare

Print the call double-sided.

Make twice as many copies as you think you can fill so you will be ready for offers to share the petition more broadly.

[2]

Collect Signatures

- Explain why you are concerned and ask your friends and members of your faith community to sign the call.
- Distribute it to volunteers to gather signatures.
- Take the petition to regular meetings of churches, unions, community organizations or student groups (where people are likely to be sympathetic to the cause).
- Organize a petition drive and have volunteers gather signatures at public places on selected days. This will help give the issue more publicity.

[3]

Mail to CPJ

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Please have your petitions in the mail to CPJ by February 29, 2016.

Stay in Touch!

Please send an email to miriam@cpj.ca. We want to know how many signatures you have gathered, and when you put your petitions in the mail. **Stay tuned via [CPJ's Justice E-News](http://cpj.ca/jen) (cpj.ca/jen) for news about the presentation of your call to Canada's government in March.**

Thank you for joining your voice to the **call for climate action**!

This is a hard copy of the petition. You can also sign the petition online @ www.cpj.ca/climate-call.

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