

# 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 around the world, with the greatest burden falling on those in the far North and Global South – the ones 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.

**Faith communities have spoken:** In September, 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.

**Action is urgently needed:** The efforts and ambitions of the Government of Canada have been vastly inadequate. Canada must act now.

Join the **Prayers for Paris** call for climate action:

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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; that way 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. Suggest they take the petition to regular meetings of churches, unions, community organizations or student groups (where people are likely to be sympathetic to the cause) and get everyone present to sign on. You may also wish to 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

Mail the signed petitions to CPJ at:

**309 Cooper Street,  
Suite 501  
Ottawa, ON  
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by November 20.\*

*\*Canadian church leaders will be at COP21. We will let them know about the response to this call for climate action in order to inform their dialogue with the Canadian delegation. Additional sign-ons will be presented to officials in Ottawa in the new year.*

### Stay in Touch!

Please tell CPJ about your efforts by sending an email to [miriam@cpj.ca](mailto:miriam@cpj.ca). We want to know how many signatures you have gathered, and when you put your petitions in the mail to us. **Stay tuned via [CPJ's Justice E-News](#) so you hear when we present your call to Canada's new government.**

## 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](http://www.cpj.ca/climate-call).*

*For more information, please contact Miriam Mahaffy at [miriam@cpj.ca](mailto:miriam@cpj.ca) or phone 1-800-667-8046 ext. 229.*

