

## Climate Resolution

Approved May 23, 2021

Protecting and preserving the earth is a key tenet of the Fellowship's mission. To achieve this mission it is essential for us to work within the Fellowship and in collaboration with others in the broader community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In keeping with the City of Winston Salem, Forsyth County, the Unitarian Universalist Association and the global Paris Climate Agreement, the UU Fellowship of Winston-Salem resolves to:

Reduce the Fellowship's energy sector greenhouse gas emissions by 45% or .greater from 2005 levels by 2030

- Utilize 70% clean renewable energy by 2030.
- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.
- Advocate for achieving these goals individually and throughout the community.
- Work in partnership with vulnerable or marginalized communities that disproportionately experience and confront the realities of the climate crisis.
- Provide climate-focused educational and spiritual content during worship services, religious education and congregational life to inspire members to act in their personal lives to reduce their carbon footprint and consider the earth in their decision making.
- Institute a process whereby the carbon footprint and/or environmental impact, if any, is factored into Board, staff and committee decision making, so that we may fulfill our mission to protect and preserve the earth and reach our sustainability goals. Establish a working group to integrate this process into the Strategic Plan along with a system of monitoring and reporting.