

10 Ways You Can Use this CCC letter to Minister Kent The Canadian Council of Churches Commission on Justice and Peace

Last week we sent a letter to Environment Minister Peter Kent regarding this week's conference on climate change in Doha, Qatar. Here are 10 ways you can use the letter to help work for the change we seek.

- 1. **Send your own letter to Minister Kent.** Cut and paste the heart of the letter, the three bullet points that he has agreed to and the three points of new actions the Government of Canada can take now into your own letter to Minister Kent and email it to him: Peter.Kent@parl.gc.ca. If you have time, send it to the others who are cc'd on the letter as well... check the last page for names.
- 2. **Email your church leader.** Let your church leader and representative to The Canadian Council of Churches know that you appreciate their support for this letter.
- 3. **Watch for Facebook updates.** News from the Doha conference will be a focus in the next two weeks, share them with your friends and community members... could it be a water cooler conversation?
- 4. **Print out the** Canadian Interfaith Call for Leadership and Action. Share it with a member of another faith community at work. Read it when you take a coffee or tea together? Post it on the bulletin board in your office kitchen?
- 5. **Check your local, neighbourhood newspaper.** Can you send the letter in as an op-ed contribution, and highlight the Canadian Interfaith Call?
- 6. **Visit** www.cpj.ca, www.kairoscanada.org, www.climateactionnetwork.ca, and www.ec.gc.ca. You can find history, policy and updates from faith-based organizations, climate networks and the Canadian government on the current state of challenges to climate so you can be better informed and a better advocate.
- 7. **Pray for clear minds, courageous hearts and willing hands.** Canadian **d**elegates and representatives who are attending COP18 in Doha, Qatar include Jeff Buhse (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) and Rev. Marta Benevides whose participation is supported by The Canadian Council of Churches.
- 8. **Tweet what inspires you** about working for climate justice and what outrages you about the difficulties in changing lifestyles, government policies and business investment to your friends and colleagues.
- 9. **Consider thankfulness** for the Earth, creation, and acknowledgment of our own responsibility for living lightly on the land during your advent prayers and worship leading up to Christmas.
- 10. Of course, send your letter (and attach this one!) to your MP, MPP and City Councillor. Nothing better than our representatives hearing from their constituency.

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