

# Climate Justice Working Group (2020)

## History

The Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) formed as directed by the New York Yearly Meeting body (minute 2018-07-34) in response to Friends World Committee for Consultation's call for action on climate change. ([Relevant NYYM and FWCC Minutes can be found here.](#))

CJWG wrote a minute asking NYYM to encourage Friends Fiduciary Corporation (FFC), the corporation that holds NYYM's investments, to remove its funds from fossil fuels and to reinvest in businesses that benefit the environment. [NYYM approved the minute](#) and sent a letter relaying these concerns to FFC. In 2020, the CJWG became officially affiliated with the Witness Coordinating Committee.

## Purposes & Objectives

The Climate Justice Working group encourages and supports direct action to reduce global warming and other harmful human effects on the environment and to restore Earth's ecosystems for the good of all life. By providing resources that will be informative, interactive, action-oriented, and rooted in Quaker witness and testimonies, we hope to inspire action both within and outside the New York Yearly Meeting community.

We advocate for right relationship with the environment and each other. Our goal is to share information to help New York Yearly Meeting members, monthly meetings, committees, and any Quaker or non Quaker related institutions, mobilize resources for the benefit of the planet. We support safe, resilient communities for all people, especially those most impacted by environmental degradation. We encourage divestment from fossil fuels and investment in green technologies.

## Functions & Activities

We have four objectives:

1. To encourage NYYM, its regions, meetings and individuals to divest from fossil fuels.
2. To encourage investments that are both ecological and ethical.
3. To share information and resources about ways to reduce carbon emissions and to protect carbon sinks.
4. To encourage projects which support climate stability and climate justice.

## Organizational Structure

The Climate Justice Working Group is under the care of the Witness Coordinating Committee. As a working group, our membership is open to all and we invite others to join us.

## **Meeting Times & Places**

The Climate Justice Working Group meets regularly by video and/or phone, as well as at NYYM Sessions. Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings. Please contact the clerk to join us at our next meeting.