

Whereas

This precious and beautiful planet is our mother and our only home.

Yet, for more than two centuries, many humans in Western societies have

- *Treated Earth with superiority and disdain*
- *Made choices based on greed and privilege*
- *Failed to speak and act for the common good*
- *Related to Earth with attitudes of irreverence, exploitation, and control*

and whereas

the results of these attitudes and actions, such as the following, intersect and demand continuous justice:

- *severe weather events, crop failure, pests, and sea level rise, affecting all who depend for their livelihood on subsistence farming*
- *low rainfall, lengthening the time spent (mostly by women and girls) in fetching water and caring for crops, thus precluding time for school and necessary self-care*
- *extreme and prolonged heat levels, which foster increased violence and assault, especially within families and in crowded cities*
- *desertification, famine, and drought, forcing people to endure certain misery and probable death in flight from their homelands*

and whereas

all of these destructive realities and countless others disproportionately affect women, children, and people of color

Therefore

we, the members of the Climate Change Task Force, enter and invite all others to enter, into the Providence Climate Agreement.

Providence Climate Agreement

*Mindful of the effects of climate injustice on the cosmos, Earth,
and all creatures of Earth, particularly the most vulnerable,
we commit to work against climate injustice.*

*We pledge that by June 2019 we will have
collectively reduced carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 2 million pounds
(in personal activities and in local or broader communities).
We pledge, in addition, to advocate for strong environmental policy.*