

Commit2Respond and General Assembly

The theme of General Assembly is **"Building a New Way,"** and part of that theme will be about building a new way to save our Earth and ourselves in the face of climate change.

GA attendees will have incredible opportunities to delve into environmental justice:

- a climate justice-focused public witness event
- multiple environmental justice workshops in every workshop block
- a pre-GA UU College of Social Justice youth program on climate justice
- a post-GA daylong environmental justice tour of Portland sponsored by UU Ministry for Earth

Public Witness Event:

In a powerful and spiritual public witness event, we will join together to honor our interconnectedness, acknowledge the pain and injustice of climate change, and take action to join in solidarity with all First Nations people and other frontline communities and work for climate justice. The event will be done in partnership with the [Lummi Nation](#), who are on the front lines of climate change and environmental degradation. Not only is the coastal ecosystem that provides their way of life already being dangerously affected by climate change but they are fighting to keep a massive coal port from being built on their sacred lands.

Workshops:

6-part Commit2Respond workshop track:

- Commit2Respond: Collaborate Like Never Before
- Commit2Respond: Shift to a Low Carbon Future
- Commit2Respond: Building a New Community- Race, Class and Climate
- Commit2Respond: Growing Young Adult Leadership for Climate Justice
- Commit2Respond: Become a Green Sanctuary
- Commit2Respond: Advance Rights of Climate Change-Impacted Communities

Plus 14 additional workshops related to climate justice! Everything from congregational divestment to international human rights, partnering with Native Nations, rituals for grieving and transformation, challenging capitalism, and much more.

Activate!:

A pre-General Assembly daylong climate justice training for youth: <http://uucsj.org/youth/activatega/>

Environmental justice tour of Portland:

A post-General Assembly daylong tour offered by UU Ministry for Earth: <http://uuministryforearth.org/uumfe-general-assembly>