

Healthy Environment: Foundation for Peace

May 17, 2019, Rotary 5400 District Celebration

Facilitated by Laurie Zuckerman

Fresh air, pure water, fertile soil, stable climate: these form the foundation for [healthy local](#) and national living — and, therefore, for peace. Without them, fragile economies can easily slip into [civil discord](#) and [war](#). Come brainstorm ways we can create a healthy environment, individually, in our clubs, and in our world with the goal of promoting the [six areas](#) of focus — and especially peace.

This is a living document. Please feel free to contact Laurie Zuckerman with information you would like to add. She will update it with information from the Peace and Environment Breakout session in the days following Rotary 5400's 2019 District Celebration.

Link to [2019 May Peace & the Environment PowerPoint](#)

The slides include links to supporting articles and resources

Project Drawdown: <https://www.drawdown.org/>

Chad Frischmann, TED talk: [100 Solutions to Reverse Global Warming](#).

Notes from the group plus additional resources:

NOW

Group Response: (to be added)

Additional Resources

Pentagon issued report Oct 13, 2014, stating that "Climate Change Threatened National Security.

The report has been taken down but references can be found in UNFCCC article:

<https://unfccc.int/news/climate-change-threatens-national-security-says-pentagon>

Department of Defense Report of Security Implications of Climate Change, July 2015

<https://dod.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/612710/>

UNFCCC Climate Change, Climate Change Poses Increasing Risks to Global Stability, Feb 2017

<https://unfccc.int/news/climate-change-poses-increasing-risks-to-global-stability>

National Geographic on Syrian War: <https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/03/150302-syria-war-climate-change-drought/>

Fresh Air, Bill McKibben, How Climate Change Threatens Humanity, Falter,

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/381444908/fresh-air>

Study links climate change to war refugees

<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060118349>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959378018301596?via%3Dihub>

Nature: Don't jump to conclusions about Climate change and civil conflict, Feb 2018

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-01875-9>

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BRIDGE (How to get from *Now* to *Shalom*.)

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- Spiritual
 - Judaism, recommendations from Rabbi Dan Fink
 - [Judaism and Ecology: A Theology of Creation](#) by Daniel B Fink
 - [Hazon](#), The Jewish Lab for Sustainability
 - [The Way Into Judaism and the Environment](#) by Jeremy Benstein
 - Catholic
 - [Laudato Si](#), Catholic Church's teaching on ecology, climate change and care for the earth
 - Eastern Orthodox
 - [Ecumenical Patriarchate International Symposium](#)
 - Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist
 - [Yale University](#), Spring 2019 Edition
 - [God's Renewed Creation](#), United Methodist Pastoral Letter & [resources](#)
 - [Southern Baptist Convention on Global Warming](#)
 - Ladder Day Saints
 - [Stewardship and the Creation](#), LDS Perspectives on the Environment
 - Buddhism
 - [One Earth Sangha](#)
 - Islam
 - [Islamic Declaration on Climate Change](#)
 - [How Islam can represent a model for environmental stewardship](#)
- Daily Life Habits
 - [Cooler, Smarter](#) from the Union of Concerned Scientists
 - [Carbon Footprint Calculator](#) any Rotary Clubs interested in a friendly competition to see who can get a lower carbon footprint?
 - [Eating Habits](#) (recommended from Rabbi Dan Fink and Stan Zuckerman)
- Take Action (It's like polio; each little action adds up to positive, global results.)

Look at [Project Draw Down](#). Choose an area that most interests you and dig in!

 - Help local [parks](#) and [land trusts](#) restore our land and water
 - Start a group to [prevent food waste](#) (#3 way to drawdown pollution)
 - [Help girls stay in school](#) (#6 way to drawdown pollution) with your sewing skills
 - Join a bi-partisan group working to improve the economy [Citizens' Climate Lobby](#)
 - Know a junior or senior high student who is interested in the environment? Contact Erin Stutzman (erin.stutzman@boiseschools.org) about them joining the production of a podcast in collaboration with Net Positive - Radio Collaborative and Radio Boise
 - [Climate Leadership Council](#) (Conservatives), [Conservatives for Clean Energy](#)
 - More ideas will be listed after District Celebration

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SHALOM

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For Further Reading

Rotary International

- [ESRAG](#) Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group
- [Why RI president says the environment is our ultimate mission](#)
- [What Rotarians are doing right now](#)
- [Rotary member gains ground with Citizens' Climate Lobby](#)
- [Rotary scholars and peace fellow put expertise to work](#)
- [Is there hope for indigenous Alaskans?](#)
- Rotary's Six Areas of Focus: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes>

UN Reports on Climate, Environment, and Peace

- [UNFCCC UN Climate Change](#)
- [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#)
- [IPBES](#) Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- [2019 Climate Action Summit](#)

Other inspirational Information

- Per Espen Stoknes, [Transform Apocalypse Fatigue into Action](#)
- The Great Green Wall: https://youtu.be/4xls7K_xFBQ
- Ted Halstead, TED Talk, [A climate solution where all sides can win](#)

Other Climate Resources

- [Yale Climate Connections](#) (90 second daily, mostly, good news)
- [E&E News](#)-- Essential news for energy and environment professionals
- [The Center for Climate and Security](#)