

SAVE OUR FUTURE

Beloved Earth Community of Riverside Church

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HERE IS THE PROBLEM...

Despite the climate crisis, our biggest banks are huge funders of coal and gas and oil companies. In the years since the Paris climate accords, they have given more than a trillion dollars in loans to these companies, even as scientists have told us we must stop the expansion of this industry.

Turns out that which banks we choose to put our money in can outweigh all our other efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. So it's time to take the [Banking On Our Future Pledge](#) and two other [Action Steps](#) listed on the back to let the banks know they must change.

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#BANKINGONOURFUTURE

WE'RE ASKING
BANK OF AMERICA, CITIBANK, CHASE, AND WELLS FARGO
TO STOP FUNDING
CLIMATE CHAOS,
OR WE WILL MOVE OUR MONEY!

SIGN OUR PLEDGE!

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IS YOUR MONEY BANKROLLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS?

YOU PROBABLY HAVE SOME OF YOUR MONEY IN A BANK OR USE A BANK-BACKED CREDIT CARD

BANKS USE YOUR MONEY & THE MONEY OF FELLOW DEPOSITORS TO MAKE LOANS TO OTHERS ... INCLUDING

TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY

• PIPELINES • FRACKING
• OIL EXTRACTION
• COAL MINING

IF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY WAS A NATION, IT WOULD BE THE 5th BIGGEST EMITTER OF POLLUTION ON EARTH

IF YOU HAVE \$62,500 OF MONEY IN THE MAINSTREAM BANKING SYSTEM*

* www.carbonbankroll.com



ALL THE CARBON PRODUCING ACTIVITIES OF THE AVERAGE AMERICAN FOR 6 MONTHS

70% OF THE COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL ASSETS BELONG TO BABY BOOMERS & THE SILENT GENERATION

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR MONEY GREENER

WE CAN APPLY PRESSURE TO THE BIG BANKS — BANK OF AMERICA, CHASE, CITIBANK, & WELLS FARGO — TO STOP FINANCING CLIMATE CHAOS.

TAKE THE **BANKING ON OUR FUTURE PLEDGE** TO MOVE YOUR MONEY UNLESS THESE BIG BANKS DIVEST FROM CLIMATE POLLUTERS.

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THREE ACTION STEPS...

1. Take the Banking On Our Future Pledge (one pledge for current account holders, one pledge for non-account holders):

The Pledge:

If by March 21, 2023 Bank of America, Chase, Citibank or Wells Fargo are still funding climate-destroying fossil fuel projects, I pledge to close my account and cut up my credit/debit card.

If I don't bank at these institutions now or use their cards, I pledge I won't do so in the future.

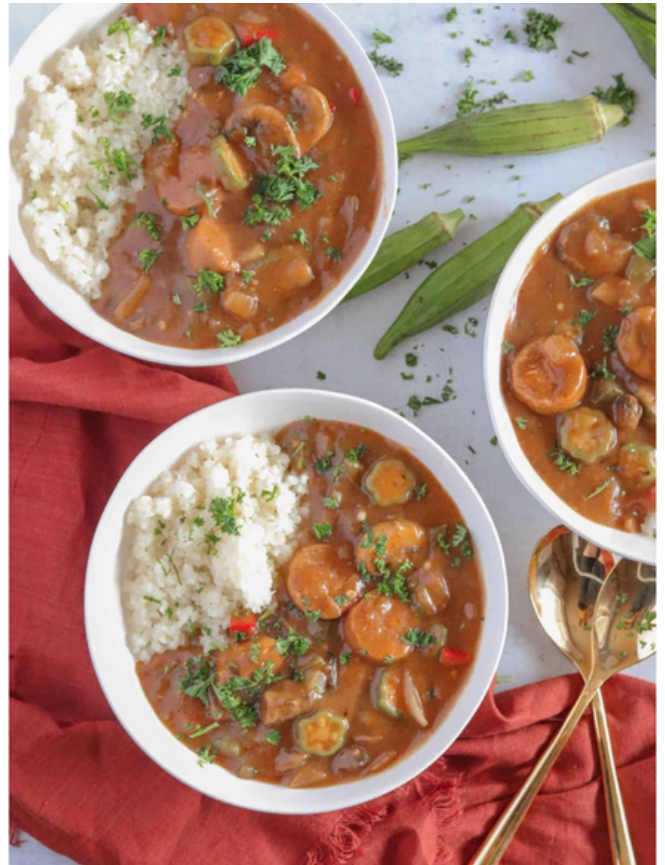
2. Write a letter to your bank by Dec. 31, 2022, politely telling them that the time has come to stop lending money to fossil fuel companies, period.

3. If that doesn't work, and banks keep engaging in greenwashing, (check thirdact.org website), then ALL OF US participating in this campaign, ACTING TOGETHER, will move our money and close our credit/debit card accounts **ON THE SAME DAY, MARCH 21, 2023.**

For Steps #2 and #3, you will find wonderful, extensive resources to help you at thirdact.org/our-work/banking-on-our-future/.

Click on the Toolkit, and go to Section VII, "Write Letters to the Banks and Bank Managers," for sample letters, and to Section X, "Resources including better banks and credit card options." There you will find ratings of banks and numerous eco-friendly credit cards.

EASY NEW ORLEANS STYLE VEGAN GUMBO (GLUTEN-FREE)



This New Orleans Style Vegan Gumbo is easy and delicious to make! It is gluten-free and full of delicious and hearty ingredients!

You can find the recipe here:
<https://thefreshfig.com/easy-new-orleans-vegan-gumbo/>

Beloved Earth Community

We call Riversiders to protest the climate crisis and care for the Earth through educational programs, greening the church, changing our lifestyles, and courageous political actions.

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Coming up...

- Beloved Earth usually meets the first Saturday of every month at 3 pm, online and sometimes in-person.
- The recent 8-session class on "Climate Justice: Beyond Denial and Despair," is available for viewing at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17Hq4azlN532G9oHZiTkMDl8maOLHmsia?usp=sharing>
- To view this issue online, visit www.trcnyc.org/belovedearthnewsletter

