



SAVE OUR FUTURE

Beloved Earth Community of Riverside Church

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TIDBITS FOR CHANGE

1. Develop your climate superpower

One of the most important things you can do to fight climate change is to chat about it at random with whomever you meet. It might be a chat about the weather or something that you have personally done to mitigate climate change.

This article from Yale Climate Connections might give you some ideas on how to promote climate action in your everyday relationships with other people: <https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2024/07/how-to-fight-climate-change-in-your-close-relationships/>
<https://tinyurl.com/yc57hkum>

Here is one idea from the article: “There’s a good argument to be made that there might even be more value from the casual connections and the casual chitchat about climate change than there is from having a deep heart-to-heart, because you can just do so many more. Whereas just a five-minute conversation about stuff about climate — it is much more doable.

“Everyone thinks that other people don’t support climate action or government action as much as they do. So if we all just had these casual conversations and started waking up to realize everyone else is really concerned.”

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WEACT for Environmental Justice (WEACT.org)

Beloved Earth Community has been featuring organizations that promote action around mitigating climate change, but in this issue we will feature a local, Harlem grown organization that has become a driving force for environmental justice both nationally and internationally.

It is well-documented that some of the most polluted environments in America are where people of color live, work, play, and pray. WEACT was started in 1988 when three fearless community leaders saw that environmental racism was rampant in their West Harlem neighborhood, and they demanded community-driven, political change. Today, the organization has grown to over 16 staff members and 2 locations in NYC and Washington, D.C., and is considered an active and respected participant in the national Environmental Justice Movement.

WE ACT works to build healthy communities through advocacy, research, and community-based participatory planning. Go to the website for WEACT to view WEACT current campaigns or contact them to subscribe to their newsletter to receive the latest community news, action updates, and local and national events

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2. Be a lazy gardener on your balcony or in your backyard to help prevent “insect apocalypse”.

“Insects, a vast biological family composed of more than a million species, rank among the most successful organisms on the planet. No other animals can match their sheer diversity. Yet they’re also suffering alarming declines some scientists call the “insect apocalypse.” Scientists are still working to pinpoint the exact causes; habitat destruction, poisons, pollution and rising temperatures all play a role.

Bees — along with the rest of class Insecta — need you.

Rather than reach for a can of Raid, welcome lacewings, sweat bees and lady beetles into your life by building bug mansions on your balcony or in your backyard.”

Check out the website for Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation for ideas on how to protect our Insects:

<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation>

<https://tinyurl.com/44pcvzxa>



3. Recycle More

Here is a list from Upper West Side Recycling of what to do with Hard to Recycle items.

<https://www.uwsr.org/hard-to-recycle-list>

4. Bring your own containers



<https://www.itseasybeinggreen.org/1235-2/>

As the site explains: “BYO Container/UWS Reduces Waste is a project of It’s Easy Being Green, which was introduced in May 2023. We are asking neighborhood coffee and tea shops and restaurants to display our BYO Container sticker in their storefront window, to let customers and passers-by know that they will accept their travel mug and/or food container to fill. We hope to include prepared food stores in the future when the NYS health codes are updated. We think this is a win/win that saves the shop money while reducing waste and excessive single use packaging.”

RECIPES for a HEALTHY PLANET

15 minute Mediterranean Chickpea Salad

<https://jessicainthekitchen.com/15-minute-mediterranean-chickpea-salad-meal-prep/>

<https://tinyurl.com/ykvvbhdk>



Beloved Earth Community

We call on Riversiders to protest the climate crisis and care for the Earth through educational programs, greening the church, changing our lifestyles, and courageous political actions. For more information, or to join, contact:

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- The next Beloved Earth Meeting: October 12 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. Watch for details.
- To view this [S.O.F.](https://www.trcnyc.org/belovedearthnewsletter) online, visit www.trcnyc.org/belovedearthnewsletter

