



SAVE OUR FUTURE

Beloved Earth Community of Riverside Church

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AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM...

As reported by Riverside's Min. Heelee Joo Velez, Associate Director for Formation (Children and Families), after a brief tour of the church building, the Church School children offered the following observations about the state of recycling at Riverside:

- There are a decent amount of recycling bins around the church building.
- Wherever we found a recycling bin, we also found a trash can next to it.
- However, there were some trash cans that had no recycling bins next to them.
- Recycling bins were much smaller than trash cans.
- Some but not all recycling bins had "how/what to recycle" signs on them. It would be helpful to have these signs on all recycling bins.
- It would be helpful to have direction signs that tell you where recycling bins are.

*These comments came from Ruth, Eli, Sonaya, Soleil, Helen, and Harry



GLIMMERS OF HOPE--

CALLING ALL CLIMATE ACTIVISTS:

Do you want to find out how to find hope and optimism in the midst of climate change and climate denial? What actions can you take for climate change and to help ensure your own well-being? Why does developing a practice of gratitude and thanksgiving inspire you to take action? In as little as 54 minutes, this hope-inspiring video offers some answers -- and does so not by bidding us to pretend nothing's wrong or that this climate emergency can never change because we have no agency but by guiding us to a "skeptical optimism," wherein we acknowledge the problem is huge but that we also recognize that we can generate new ways to change.

Find out how to begin what presenter Dr. Laura Santos calls the RAIN practice. Then, keep your hope alive by visiting

www.happyclimate.org. To begin your Climate Activism Without Burnout journey, click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlpn5Ku5ZtE>





Put On Your Faith and Advocacy Hat

GREENFAITH: THE MISSION

Because the Earth and all people are sacred and at risk, GreenFaith is building a worldwide, multi-faith climate and environmental movement. Together our members create communities to transform ourselves, our spiritual institutions, and society to protect the planet and create a compassionate, loving and just world.

This is a multifaith group (including atheists) coming together to protest what big business is doing to our planet. As an example they were instrumental in a series of protests at Citibank throughout the summer as the bank is one of the biggest lenders to Fossil Fuel Companies. Greenfaith is an excellent organization to be a member of. David King is very active with them and would love more congregation involvement, For more information: <https://greenfaith.org/>

MANDATORY COMPOSTING COMES TO NYC

As you probably know, mandatory composting, per the Zero Waste Act, went into effect in all five boroughs on October 6. According to the Department of Sanitation, pickup will be once a week on your regular recycling day, and all compost must go into 55 gallon bins with secure lids. If you or your building did not already order a free bin by October 28, they can be purchased online on the DOS website,

Composting, the recycling of organic waste, provides numerous environmental benefits, including improved soil health and reduced greenhouse emissions, as well as the elimination of food for NYC's thriving rodent population. Once collected, the material goes to anerobic digesters, primarily at the Department of Environmental Protection facility in Greenpoint, where it is turned into renewable energy and fertilizer. In addition the Staten Island Compost Facility turns the materials into finished compost for parks and gardens. About 60 percent of the finished compost is sold to landscapers, and 50 percent is given to community parks, groups and residents.

What goes in the bin : Only food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings

What does not go in: diapers, personal hygiene products, animal waste wrappers, non-paper packaging, and foam products.

For more information, see

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page>

Eat Well and Healthy This Thanksgiving



40 Vegan Thanksgiving Recipes

These easy vegan Thanksgiving recipes include main dishes, side dishes, desserts,...

[loveandlemons.com](https://www.loveandlemons.com)

<https://www.loveandlemons.com/vegan-thanksgiving-recipes/>



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: December 07, 2024 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