

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:30 AM Register/Refreshments
9:00 AM Welcome and Opening
Remarks - Rev. Eric Jackson
9:30 AM Keynote Address
Rev. Dr. Jim Antal
10:30 AM Break
10:45 AM Workshops
Rev. Eric Jackson
Jehann El-Bisi, PhD
11:45 AM Lunch
12:15 PM Workshops
1:45 PM Break
2:00 PM Keynote Address
Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt
4:00 PM Conclusion

**To learn more or register
to this event, visit:**

<http://www.cvent.com/d/ntq5n6>

Registration fee is \$20.
Scholarships are available.

Keynote Speakers:

- Rev. Dr. Jim Antal**
Massachusetts Conference
Minister, UCC
Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt
UCC Minister for
Environmental Justice

Workshops will include:

- Pam Arifian**
Director, UCC Northeast
Environmental Justice Center
Marla Marcum
Founder, Climate
Disobedience Center
Prof John Ungerleider
School of International
Training
Rev. Eric Jackson
Pastor, Brookside
Congregational Church
Jehann El-Bisi, PhD
Film Director,
"The River Cried"

New England Youth Environmental Justice Summit

Sponsored by the
New Hampshire Conference
United Church of Christ
Environmental Stewardship Mission Group

**Sat. April 7, 2018
9 AM-4 PM**

Brookside Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
2013 Elm Street
Manchester NH 03104

Registration fee: \$20
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Please Join Us!!

This Summit is open to all middle school, high school and college students, as well as teachers, mentors, pastors, lay leaders and advisors, and anyone interested in acquiring tools for facing the pressing moral issue of climate change.

Description of Speakers:

Rev Dr Jim Antal, Minister and President of the MACUCC, will give the morning Key Note: "Called By God to Engage Climate-The Difference YOU Can Make". His new book, "Climate Church, Climate World-How People of Faith Must Work for Change", to be released on 3/1/18, claims that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. It is time for the church and people of Faith to meet this moral challenge, so that future generations can live in harmony with God's Creation.

Rev Dr Brooks Berndt, the National UCC Minister for Environmental Justice will lead an afternoon Keynote within a "Creative Ministry Incubator" that entails a "Mission Impossible-Stopping the Climate Catastrophe". It will challenge participants to be part of an "Impossible Mission Force" that will accomplish a daring assignment-addressing climate change by ""infiltrating churches" so that they might help save the world before it is too late. This "incubator" will include video clips of youth in action and a visual representation of a green ambassador program.

Four workshops throughout the day include:

Pam Arifian, Director of the Northeast Environmental Justice Center will lead the workshop "Earth Avengers, Assemble!" In this interactive workshop, you will explore the wider environmental and social Justice impacts of a single decision we make several times a day-what we eat. You'll work together to tell and draw the story of a favorite meal, and then think of ways we can make different decisions every day and use our unique gifts and passions to live out our call to be "caretakers of the planet".

Marla Marcum-Creator of the Climate Disobedience Center, will help you develop skills to create a "Public Narrative" through the persuasive art of story-telling. Powerful stories are what build movements. Learn about your moral responsibility to become active in climate Justice issues and to trust yourselves to make a difference. Methods of active non-violence (protest) will be discussed.

John Ungerleider-Professor at the School for International Training and Youth Leadership Training, in Brattleboro, VT will help the group create a Climate Change "Co-Opera". A co-opera is a reflective, participatory musical journey that engages the audience with the external and internal challenges that global climate change is bringing to our lives. Help design an audience dialog between thought-provoking songs that are designed to move participants from Fear and Denial to Hope and Action.

Jehann El-Bisi, PhD and Film Director, and Art Desmarais, will show their 30" Documentary film "The River Cried" or "Mni W'Coni". In this workshop, participants will find out why, and how, the movie makers "just went out there and did it!" What did they do? They went to serve and stand alongside the "Water Protectors" in Standing Rock, ND, fighting the Dakota Access Pipeline. The subjects of historical genocide, 'ecocide", prayer, and non-violent resistance will be presented and discussed. Participants will be invited to participate in a mock front line civil disobedience simulation exercise.

Rev. Eric Jackson is the Pastor of Brookside Congregational Church, UCC, our host church. Prior to joining Brookside, Rev. Jackson served as pastor of Smith Memorial Church, United Church of Christ in Hillsborough, NH. Prior to that, he served as community minister at Judson Memorial Church in New York City. Rev. Jackson currently serves on the Annual Planning Committee of The New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Executive Committee of the Hillsborough Association. He also serves as President of the Greater Manchester NAACP.

Representatives from 350.org and other groups will lead a workshop on activism in climate change issues.