



**Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice**

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Dear Prime Minister Harper (and leaders of the world from all sectors);

The Canadian Unitarians For Social Justice have decided to endorse the Fast for Climate Leadership from September 21st to October 2nd. I have personally decided to join the fast. Learn all about it at <http://www.climatefast.ca/>

I will be promoting my fast to Unitarians and social activists and notifying the news media across the country urging others to join me. We hope you will join with us in a time of reflection about the direction we are going. Are we putting future generations at risk? Are we risking increased violence and chaos because of our lack of action?

I believe current world economic distress and natural disasters are caused by climate change and as a human race we must take action. We must address the fact that we cannot grow our economies forever. If our children and grandchildren are to have a chance at a quality of life we need real leadership from you and we need it now.

We need to direct our attention and our resources toward building an economy based on renewable energy. We must slow the use of oil and coal and preserve reserves in the ground for future generations. We can do this by:

- Putting a price on carbon
- Supporting all initiatives that develop and promote renewable energy
- Supporting any and all methods of energy conservation

Slowing down the development of oil, coal, and nuclear will slow economic growth, but slower growth is inevitable because oil prices will rise as reserves are depleted. This will impact our economy and cause labour disruption and unemployment. We must prepare by designing social systems to cushion the blow and help people make the transition. Current policies are pushing us towards instability and chaos instead.

We need your best, most creative leadership now to address these issues. Will you enact policies that actively promote energy conservation and renewable energy? Will you remove subsidies to big oil and introduce a tax on carbon? Help us build an economy focused on creating quality of life for all, in a world without growth.

Respectfully,  
Rev. Frances Deverell  
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