

RESOURCES FOR: Environmental Justice: Our Common Home -- Equity for All

General

Environmental Justice: The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. This goal will be achieved when everyone enjoys:

- The same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards;
- Equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work. **Source:** [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- **Environmental Justice :** <https://youtu.be/TrbeuJRPM0o>
- **Video:** [The WE ACT Story](#). | 6 min. | WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- **Webinar:** [A Laudato Si' Lens on Environmental Justice: Pt. 1](#) | 1 hour | Catholic Climate Covenant
This webinar unpacks the meaning of environmental justice and how Catholic Social Teaching, in particular Laudato Si', gives us a helpful lens to view and act on this important issue.

"Environmental racism is the disproportionate impact of environmental hazards on people of color. Environmental justice is the movement's response to environmental racism."

- Article: [What is environmental racism?](#) | Est. Reading Time: 5 min. World Economic Forum

[Prayer for the Elimination of Environmental Racism](#) | Sisters of Mercy Scroll down the page to the section titled "Pattern 3: Environmental Racism."

[Ignatian Solidarity Network Enviro-Justice Resources:](#)

Topics:

Redlining and Urban Heat Islands

Indigenous Land Rights and Mining

Farmworkers, Pesticides, and Extreme Heat

Boreal Forest of the Northern Hemisphere

Land Acknowledgments

Climate Change is an Environmental Issue

Disproportionate Impact of Climate Change on BIPOC and Low-Income Communities

Just Transition

Amazon Climate Forum

Fenceline Communities and Air Pollution

Water

Organizations that promote environmental justice in the Boston area:

[GreenRoots Chelsea](#): Multi-racial Environmental Justice group working in Chelsea and surrounding communities -

[C.R.E.W.](#) A network of local leaders building grassroots climate resilience through inclusive & hands-on education, service, and planning

[ACE: Alternatives for Community and Environment](#) **We Still Can't Breathe** campaign demands action to reduce asthma and stop pollution in Boston and beyond. **Sign your name: our elected City of Boston officials need to start acting to improve the air and reduce asthma in Black and Brown communities.** Contact your state legislators, asking them to co-sponsor the bill, or thanking them if they have already done so. Find your legislator at bit.ly/2GJXzxx.

[Our Climate MA](#) Our Climate mobilizes and empowers the generations most affected by climate change to pass inclusive, science-based climate policy. The MA branch is looking for funding for Our Climate Environmental Justice interns. Contact MA Field Coordinator Eben Bein for details: eben@ourclimate.us Haven Vincent-Warner, recently [interviewed here at Climate-XChange](#):

[Mass Renews \(MARA\)](#) Legislative agenda: Food Justice, Jobs Justice

[Boston Catholic Climate Movement](#). bi-weekly newsletter with info on "living Laudato Si" " and eco-justice opportunities. Contact Fran Ludwig to find out more: BostonCatholicClimate@gmail.com

[Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light](#) (MassIPL) Faith in action for climate justice

[North American Indian Center of Boston](#). Empowers and invests in Native Americans in Massachusetts.

[National Farm Worker Ministry](#) Videos on the impact of heat stress, wildfires, drought, etc; and invitations to action

[Community Choice Electricity Boston](#) (Your community may also offer this way to increase your % of renewable energy)

Articles and videos:

["It's Not Inevitable That This Will Be Unjust": A Q&A With Shalanda Baker On Energy Justice,](#) Barbara Moran, WBUR, Jan 20, 2021.

Racism is Killing the Planet by Hop Hopkins
<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/racism-killing-planet>

[I'm a black climate expert. Racism derails our efforts to save the planet.](#) Ayana Elizabeth Johnson

[In Communities Shouldering Environmental Burdens, Life Was Deadly Pre-Pandemic, Too](#) by María Belén Power. María is co-director of Greenroots Chelsea, and is on President Biden's Environmental Justice Advisory Board

[The link between racist housing policies of the past and the climate risks of today](#) Yale Climate Connections

From [Simmons College Library](#)

- [Massachusetts Communities with Dirty Air are Coronavirus Hotspots](#)
Zoe Greenberg, Boston Globe, Updated April 29, 2020
- [Healey Report Highlights COVID-19 Impact on Environmental Justice Communities WBUR](#)
- [AGO Environmental Justice Brief](#)
"COVID-19's Unequal Effects in Massachusetts"
- [Study Finds Significant Racial Disparities In Vehicular Air Pollution Exposure Around Boston WBUR](#)
- [Massachusetts Communities with Dirty Air are Coronavirus Hotspots](#)
Zoe Greenberg, Boston Globe, Updated April 29, 2020
- [Coronavirus Forces us to Confront the Reality of Environmental Racism](#)
Iván Espinoza-Madrugal and Lauren Sampson, Bay State Banner, April 2020
- [Saving MA Forests: The Fight for Clean Air During Covid-19 and Climate Change](#)
Raei Bridges, NAACP, April 22, 2020
- [In Boston, COVID-19 and Climate Change Are Hitting the Same Communities the Hardest](#)
Jessica Colarossi, Boston University, April 22, 2020
- [The Intersection of Climate Change, COVID-19, and Racial Injustice](#)
MGH Institute of Health Professions July 01, 2020

[Lake Apopka Toxic Tour](#) | [National Farm Worker Ministry](#)

[These Women Documented Louisiana's Environmental Injustice In New Film Series 'Women Of Cancer Alley' - Essence](#)

[Environmental Racism Is Killing Black Communities In Louisiana](#)

[Big win! Environmental justice is now the law \(4/2\)](#)

[The MBTA's Dirty Air Problem in Black and Brown Communities\(3/18\)](#)

[Melnea Cass Boulevard plans scrapped](#)

[Mapping Project Explores Links Between Historic Redlining And Future Climate Vulnerability](#)
(Haverhill and Lawrence)

Interactive Map: [Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America](#) | University of Richmond

[Study: Northeastern U.S. Has Widest Tree Cover Disparities In The Country](#) (WBUR)

[Racist housing practices from the 1930s linked to hotter neighborhoods today](#) NPR

[People of Color Breathe More Hazardous Air](#) NYT

[Climate Anxiety Is an Overwhelmingly White Phenomenon](#) Scientific American

[National Farm Worker Ministry turns 50 | Sisters of Charity of Nazareth](#)

Bread for the World

[Climate, Racial Equity, and Hunger Series: Latino/a Communities](#)

[Climate, Racial Equity, and Hunger Series: Indigenous Communities](#)

[Climate, Racial Equity, and Hunger Series: African American Communities](#)

Creation Justice Ministries created an [Earth Day 2021 Guide: A New Heaven and a New Earth.](#)

[Everybody's Movement: Environmental Justice and Climate Change \(2009\)](#)

Video: [Farmworkers and the Environment: A Harvest of Justice\(5:03 min\)](#)

Video: [How systemic racism shaped the ecosystems of U.S. cities](#) | 4 min. | Science Magazine

Video: [How a hot city can keep its cool](#) | 4 min. | Grist

Video: [Extreme heat is worse in redlined neighborhoods](#) | 5 min | Grist

Video: [Refugees Fleeing Climate Change](#) 3:37 min (Years Project)

Video: [Why All Americans Should Care About Environmental Racism](#) | 4 min. | NowThis News
Indigenous rights lawyer and Penobscot activist Sherri Mitchell explains why all Americans should care about environmental justice and Indigenous issues.

General Resources:

[Global Catholic Climate Movement](#)

[Boston Chapter, Global Catholic Climate Movement](#)

[Catholic Climate Covenant](#)

[U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (Environmental Justice page)

[Catholic Relief Services](#) (climate change)

[Diocese of Worcester Environmental Stewardship](#) Action plan for individuals and parishes -

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