



## April Newsletter

We know the future of our planet and the wellbeing of our communities depends on staying engaged, collaborative and community focused. We share this newsletter to invite you into individual, community and national actions that will help us build the intersectional climate justice movement we need.

## Action Opportunities

### [Faith Climate Action Week](#)

Join us for a week of action for the planet, April 17th-23rd, in the lead up to Earth Day. Around the country, tens of thousands of faith communities will be focusing on EarthJustice! Take action to:

- Protect the Environmental Protection Agency
- Increase Renewable Energy city & statewide
- Reduce our Carbon Footprints
- Build Resilience and Equity in our communities
- And more! [Click here for the full toolkit!](#)



[Click here to check out resources here.](#) And let us know [what you're planning in your community and how we can support your work!](#)

### [March with MNIPL](#)

Join us as we gather together for climate justice at these family friendly celebratory marches.

[Kids Climate March](#), April 22nd, 9:30am, The Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul

[March for Science](#), April 22nd, 11am, Cathedral Hill Park, 215 Summit Ave, St Paul

### [People's Climate March](#)

**Minneapolis:** April 29th, 2pm at the Federal Building, Downtown Minneapolis

**Duluth:** April 29th, 1pm, Leif Erikson Park, Duluth

**Washington, DC:** April 29th, with buses leaving throughout the week. Join us on the MNIPL bus

Bring banners and signs to represent your faith community and show the powerful movement of people of faith standing together for climate justice! [Fill out this quick form](#) and we'll get you connected with more info about how to participate in art builds, where to find other folks in the MNIPL network at the marches, and more!

## [Support MNIPL at Birchwood Cafe](#)

We're so excited to be partnering with Birchwood for Climate Justice through healthy local food in the months of April-June! [We hope to see you at one of our many events at the Birchwood soon!](#)



## Events

[A full calendar of events can always be found on our website.](#)

### [Be the Spark for Environmental Justice](#)

5PM Wednesday, May 24 until 12PM Friday, May 26, Pilgrim Point Camp, 2059 Pilgrim Point Rd, Alexandria, MN. Using stories, the arts, video, and hands-on learning opportunities, this workshop will equip participants to mobilize their communities around local and global issues of environmental justice. Pastors, church members, educators, seminary students, and members of communities of faith beyond the United Church of Christ are all encouraged to attend. [Registration Deadline: May 15, 2017.](#)

## Twin Cities

### [Friends Forum: Elizabeth Kolbert](#)

**April 13th, 7:30pm, Northrop Auditorium.** Join us to hear Elizabeth Kolbert's ground-breaking research on the dynamic between humans and the environment. In her fascinating, Pulitzer Prize-winning work *The Sixth Extinction*, Elizabeth Kolbert draws on extraordinary field work and both intellectual and natural history, revealing just how we humans have affected our planet. [Get your tickets here.](#)



### [Environmental Ancestry Story Circles](#)

**April 8th, 1 pm - 3:30 pm, Gandhi Mahal Restaurant.** [RSVP Here.](#)

**Wed, May 17, 6:00pm – 8:30pm, Birchwood Cafe.** [RSVP Here.](#)

MNIPL is hosting a new series of storytelling circles in Muslim spaces, open to the interfaith community to celebrate unique family and environmental ancestries. These circles will be hosted by Muslim youth from the MNIPL Youth Leadership Team and will highlight stories the youth will collect in interviews with their family members about their family history.

### [Climate March Rally Hour](#)

**April 17th, 5-7 pm, Birchwood Cafe** Interested in marching for climate change? Come find out more about how to be a part of the the upcoming Science March, Kid's Climate March, and the People's Climate March. [Learn more & RSVP online.](#)

### [All in the Circle Documentary Premiere](#)

**May 18th, 7pm, Riverview Theatre.** Join us for the debut of a full-length documentary that tells the story of All in the Circle Creative Arts & Nature Camp! All in the Circle is carefully designed to give children the opportunity to fall in love with the earth and to be co-creators of a culture of kindness. [Purchase your tickets today!](#) \$10 for one

person, \$5 for youth 12 and under. Proceeds raised will go to scholarships and supporting the camp.

### [Youth Be the Spark](#)

**May 20th, St Croix River.** Join a community of youth leading the interfaith community to action on creating a just and sustainable future for all. We will explore the natural world through a fun day of paddling on the St Croix River with its calm waters and beautiful cliffs. We'll stop for lunch on an island with a sandy beach to consider goals, strategies, and actions we can take together! [Register here](#). Contact [erin@mnipl.org](mailto:erin@mnipl.org) with questions.

## Arrowhead Regional Network

[Arrowhead Network Leadership Meeting](#), Join as we strategize and plan our spring campaigns to take action on climate change. Contact [bretpence@mnipl.org](mailto:bretpence@mnipl.org) for more info and save the date for our upcoming meetings: Tuesday, April 25, St. Paul's Episcopal, 7-8:30pm and Tuesday, May 23, site TBA, 7-8:30pm

### Earth Day Weekend!

**April 22-23.** What is happening in your faith community to celebrate?! Looking for ideas? Consider promoting the [MNIPL Beyond Paris Pledge](#) in your congregation or ask for an MNIPL art grant (email [bretpence@mnipl.org](mailto:bretpence@mnipl.org)) to provide materials to create banners and signs for the following week's Duluth Climate March and Rally!

### Duluth Climate March & Rally

**April 29, 1-3pm Leif Erikson Park to Lake Place Park along the Lakewalk.** Join us in support of international 2<sup>nd</sup> People's Climate March, in Washington DC. Speakers at Leif Erikson Park, March, then Rally and tabling at Lake Place Park.

## Programs for Your Faith Community

### [Youth Leadership Team](#)

We have an exciting year planned and would love for your youth to join us as we bring climate action to other faith communities and engage their youth. We are also launching a [Youth Internship Program](#) to support youth in organizing powerful action in their faith community. Email [erin@mnipl.org](mailto:erin@mnipl.org) if you're interested in engaging your youth in climate action.



### [All in the Circle: Creative Arts & Nature Camps](#)

We are delighted to announce three different [All in the Circle Camp experiences for Summer 2017](#). This summer we are offering a Family Camp Experience, Middle & High School overnight experience, and All in the Circle Nature Camp for 1-6 graders. [Register your family for this unforgettable summer experience!](#)

### Calling Youth Groups to Volunteer at the [Gandhi Mahal Interfaith Garden](#)

Are you a youth director at your faith community looking for a summer service project? Are you curious about digging into the connections between food justice, faith, and climate change? Sign up yourself or a group from your faith community to [volunteer at the garden this summer](#). Learn more by [watching our new video, Growing Together](#), or [listening to Claire & Ruhel's conversation on food justice](#) with Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein on his interfaith podcast, 'By The Rivers.'



### [Volunteer with MNIPL](#)

Everyone has an important role to play in building the climate movement. What's yours? Join one of our volunteer-led action teams, help build our legislative response team, support campers at All in the Circle Creative Arts & Nature Camp, or help out in the Gandhi Mahal Interfaith Garden. The possibilities are endless. [Fill out this quick form and we'll be in touch to find the right volunteer role for you!](#)