

## **Bahá'í Materials for the ~~DEPLETION~~**

*“[I]n the face of the destructive impacts of climate change – exacerbated by the extremes of wealth and poverty – a need for new approaches centered on the principles of justice and equity is apparent... Climate change presents in large measure a moral challenge, requiring humanity to develop a greater sense of stewardship and responsibility for the environment, as well as a greater awareness of the interdependence and oneness of all the earth’s inhabitants.”*  
(Excerpt from “Seizing the Opportunity: Redefining the Challenge of Climate Change.” Bahá'í International Community, 2008)

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As indicated in the above quote, Bahá'ís believe that a fundamental component of resolving the climate change challenge will be the cultivation of values, attitudes and skills that give rise to just and sustainable patterns of human interaction with the environment. The engagement of children and youth will be particularly important, as this population will be called upon to exercise leadership and address the dramatic and complex challenges of climate change in the decades to come.

The materials prepared for the ~~DLWOLPDWELRQ:N~~ are intended to supplement three of the “core” activities in which the worldwide Bahá'í community is engaged with others: devotional gatherings, children’s classes and junior youth groups. The purpose of these core activities is to promote the spiritual development of all involved and to channel their collective energy toward service to humanity. We hope that all who draw upon these supplemental materials will find them helpful in cultivating the values and attitudes necessary to successfully address the pressing issue of climate change.

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**Click here: ~~DEPLETION~~ Activities for [links to the following:](#)**

- [Devotional Gathering Materials](#)
- [Supplemental Children's Class Materials](#)
- [Supplemental Jr. Youth Group Materials](#)

### **Additional Baha'i Resources:**

- [FAQ on Bahá'í engagement in the climate issue](#)
- Link to two short Bahá'í-produced videos for the Preach-in:
  - [Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, Founder and President of IPL, reflects on the spiritual dimensions of the climate issue.](#)
  - [Christine Muller, a Baha'i who serves on the IPL state board of Rhode Island, shares insights on the role of faith communities in the climate issue and opportunities presented by the IPL Preach-in.](#)
- Audio recording: [Interview with Peter Adriance \(U.S. Baha'i Office of Public Affairs\) on "A Spiritual Approach to Climate and the Environment"](#) (WLGJ 2013)
- ["Seizing the Opportunity: Redefining the Challenge of Climate Change"](#) (2008) (Bahá'í International Community resource document – PDF)
- [International Environment Forum – Compilation of Spiritual Principles from the Bahá'í Writings relevant to Climate Change](#)
- [Related Documents and Other Resources on Climate and Sustainable Development – U.S. Bahá'í Office of Public Affairs](#)
- [Opportunities to "Get Involved" in Climate Change Learning and Advocacy Initiatives \(periodically updated\) -- U.S. Bahá'í Office of Public Affairs](#)